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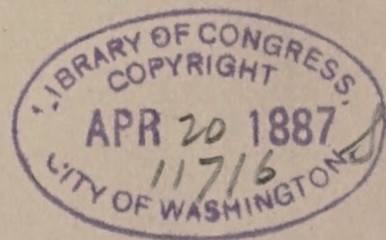
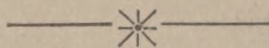
Rev. CHARLES M. SELLECK, A. M.,

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CENTENARY OF ST. PAUL'S CHURCH,

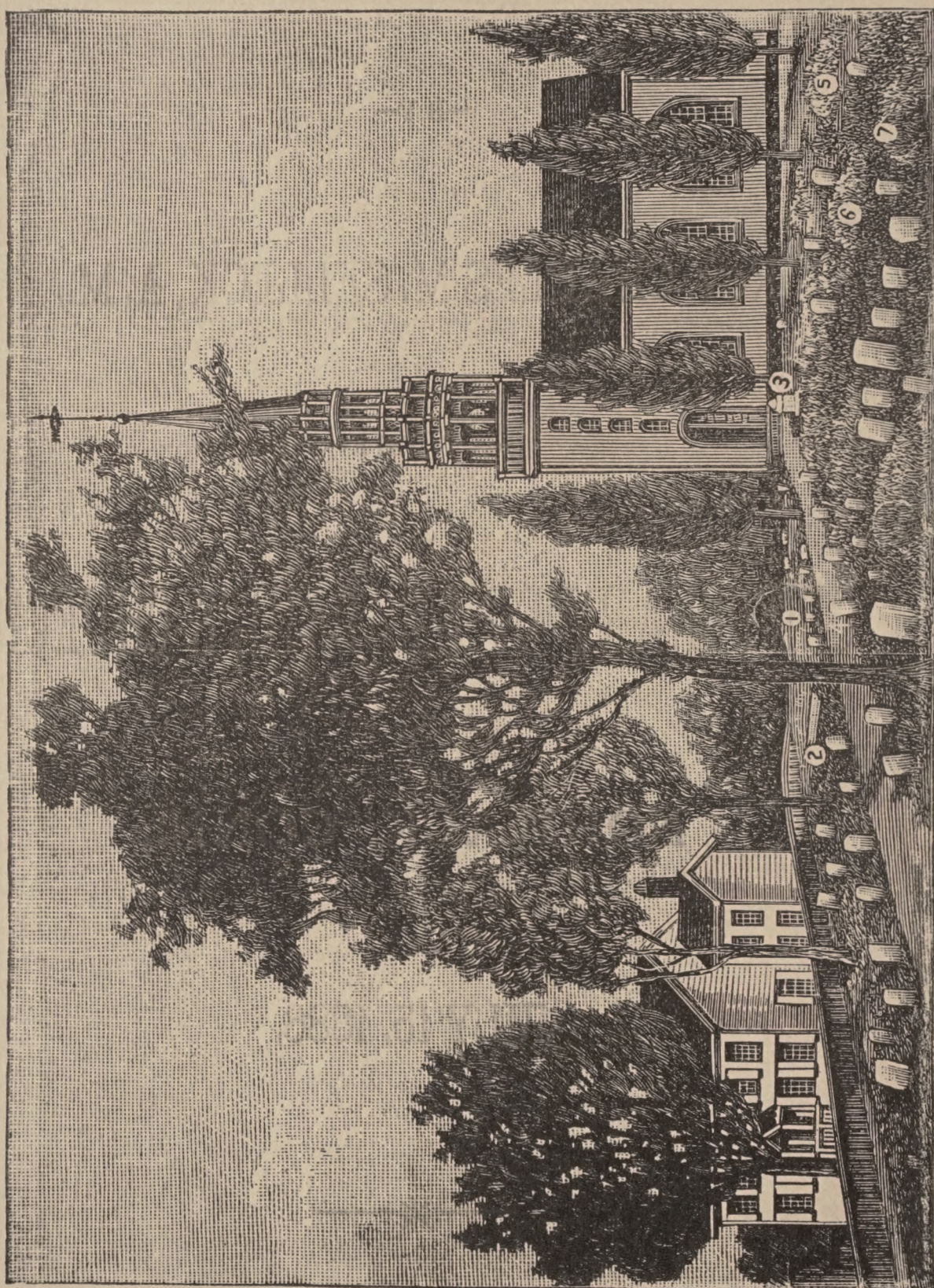
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DESCRIPTION OF THE CUT.

It should be remembered that the engraving on the opposite page represents
the OLD churchyard.

Disc No. 1, Goold Hoyt's sepulcher.

- " " 2, Captain Benjamin Isaacs' tablet.
- " " 3, Mrs. Ann Kemper's monument.
- " " 4, The Cannon vault.
- " " 5, The St. John vault.
- " " 6, The Isaacs vault.
- " " 7, The Belden vault.

The mound under the central tree (front) should stand close to the walk
and at figure 4.

Discs 5 and 7 should be nearer together.

The Jarvis tomb is near the (former and present) chancel.

TO THE MEMORY OF
WILLIAM COOPER MEAD, D. D., LL. D.

HISTORICAL ADDRESS.

THERE are, we presume, none who belong to this parish whom the services to-day fail to interest; but any record which is the exhibit of efforts made and achievements won at the cost of pains and privations, contains an element of interest to which the stranger can hardly listen with indifference. It is felt, therefore, that no apology is needed for asking the attention of all here assembled to the recital of the doings of this ancient church organization during the one hundred years this month elapsed.

That when the sun had ended its duty on that memorable day in our local annals in July, 1779, night should have mantled so few of the home domiciles which the morning had saluted, is but another way of saying that our fathers, at that juncture, were in dire straits. With hearthstones in ashes and storehouses burned and crops destroyed and business broken up, the situation was a trying one and the spectacle calculated to excite emotion: still, while men of stern courage may not feel disposed to speak in jest of scars, neither are they the ones to court condolence. To have made proffer of this to such an heroic one as he,* who, officiating on the third Sunday after the declaration of American independence, not within but just outside of what was once considered the jurisdiction of this parish,† and who, proceeding with the service in the face of armed men who had followed him into the sanctuary, would and did not close his prayer-book until approached and compelled to desist; or to have offered sympathy in the day of faith's trial to such a loyal one as he,‡ who, born here in 1720, and dying in 1786, left a rich legacy to a church folk, the income from which is to this hour enjoyed, but by none of our communion; to assure of sympathy such fearless and filial sons of the church as were some who have left us, would be to call forth the valorous response, "our greatest regret, many times over, is that will and wealth are so much less than are opportunities for employing the same."

*The Rev. Epenetus Townsend. "Mr. Townsend with all his family (wife and five children) were lost in a ship which sunk in its passage to Halifax." *Propagation Society abstracts for 1779*. As quoted by Rev. Robert Bolton.

†Lower Salem, Westchester county, New York.

‡James Brown, Esq.

Between the fathers of the last century and their fathers fifty years before, there was a marked family resemblance. They were not of the smart and rattling order, perhaps, nevertheless their story is fresh and vigorous, and their example a wholesome one. They were earnest men. The Beldens and the Bettses and the Boutons, the Camps and the Cannons and the Churches, the Hoyts and the Isaacs and the Jarvises, the Nashes and the Reeds and the Warrens of 1779-90 were no negatives. Like the John Beldens and the Jonathan Camps and the William Jarvises of the previous generation they said and they did in no equivocal way; they believed in the church of which they were members; their creed was a positive quantity, and it might without any strain upon the truth be asserted, possibly of all of them, that they were endowed with the belief of every syllable of it. And they did earnest work, as we might expect such men would do. Their ancestors held a meeting in 1742* and determined, before the parish was six years old, to erect a new edifice—the one that was burned. And even the diction of their vote was energetic, “that said building be forthwith carried on.” And it is creditable to the men of 1779 and a triumph of their energy and faith that, before the next twelve month had performed its abdication, they had held a meeting† and called a clergyman and resolved to build, and albeit so greatly reduced, had generously subscribed for, their third habitation in forty-three years for the Lord God of Hosts. It is a no mean commentary this. The men of '86, a century ago, did nobly, and it is right on this occasion to recollect what they did. We proceed to particularize concerning them; remarking that our notice of them constitutes, unavoidably, a string of sketches rather than a logically connected recital, and speaking first of the clergy of the past one hundred years.

Jeremiah Leaming, D. D.,‡ having in the orderings of God's providence vacated St. Paul's in 1779, it was for some four and one half years afterwards ministered to at intervals by the rector of the neighboring parish of St. John's, Stamford.§ This vener-

*November 30th, at the house of Capt. Joseph Ketchum, on the Jarvis corner.

†October 27th, 1780, at the house of Thomas Belden, on the Governor Bissell corner.

‡Born in Middletown, Yale graduate, class of 1745; sailed for England, and there received Holy Orders in 1747; died September 15th, 1804, at the age of 87, and buried in New Haven.

§Ebenezer Dibble, D. D., oldest son of Wakefield Dibble, of Danbury; Yale graduate, class of 1734; degrees of A. M., and S. T. D., from Yale, degree of D. D. from Columbia College, 1793. Went in 1747 to England for Holy Orders. Is described—see Bolton's Westchester County, Vol. I, page 744—as a venerable man of dignified appearance, his long white locks flowing gracefully over his shoulders.

able man of seventy-three began work in that parish in 1748, dividing his labors between it and Norwalk and Ridgefield and the north-eastern portion of Westchester county in the colony of New York. At the close of the revolutionary war he settled permanently in Stamford, where his many excellencies of brain and heart were recognized, and he was revered and beloved until his death in 1799.* It was during his incumbency of that important cure that he remembered us in the days of the burning, and in the words of another "often officiated for us."†

In 1774 the Rev. John Bowden‡ was called at a salary of £85 per annum to the rectorship, and the parish was fortunate enough to secure the acceptance of the call. Dr. Bowden was not a half-learned writer, neither a speaker whose flow of words was in advance of a flow of thought, but a man of rare parts, and even at the age of thirty-five a ripe scholar. He was accomplished in morals and philosophy as well as theology, and the pulpit under his occupancy of it was the vehicle of vivid expositions of truth. At the same time, while he was of striking intellect, yet was he gifted with a remarkable share of common sense, and into no better hands could the parish have committed its new enterprise. Within a few months after his arrival the vote was passed to build of the dimensions of the former church, and a committee of nine appointed and allowed eighteen days wherein to report. The work was pushed ; two were added to the committee, and although it was winter yet the forests must have been searched and sills, posts, joists and plates selected and hewn and drawn, as the action of March 28th, that coming spring, ran "that the carpenters begin the framing of the church on Monday next, the weather permitting." Dr. Bowden saw the structure, a goodly one for the day, completed and consecrated. He saw set out these trees which to-day wave so proudly over the spot ; and he remained here, not in the indulgence of lettered tastes which to no man of that time would have been more of a delight, but in planting and preaching and ministering and laboring, until 1789, in the autumn of which year, worn and in need of rest, he sailed for the island of St. Croix, and upon his return to this country opened at Strat-

*Thursday, May 9th : funeral attended by a large concourse of people.

†He had four children. Ebenezer, the oldest, was born in 1737, and Frederick the youngest in 1753. Frederick graduated at Kings, now Columbia College, and removing after the revolution to New Brunswick became rector of Woodstock. He died in 1838 in Woodstock, aged 83, leaving seven sons and six daughters.

‡Formerly assistant minister in Trinity Church, New York city.

ford a school for boys which he continued until 1796, when he was called to the principalship of the Episcopal Academy in Cheshire, which office he immediately accepted. In October following he was unanimously elected Bishop of Connecticut ; but on account of impaired health he declined the high honor and remained in Cheshire until 1802, when he accepted the chair of moral philosophy and belles lettres offered him by the faculty of Columbia College. This position was congenial to him and he filled it until compelled by infirmity to surrender it, and the life story of the first rector of the first church consecrated by Bishop Seabury in this country, is epitomised in the latin epitaph of a gently raised tablet which stands in the quiet cemetery of Ballston, Saratoga county, New York, and which reads : " The Trustees of Columbia College, New York, set up this marble, sacred to the memory of John Bowden, D. D., professor of moral philosophy and polite literature in the said college. By birth he was an Irishman, by training an American, in benevolence a citizen of the whole world. From the first a son and strenuous defender of the Church of England, its truly catholic faith he taught, inculcated, expounded, declared in his writings, adorned in his life. Having diligently performed his collegiate offices, honored, or rather loved by all, at length, worn out by years and labors, he departed this life at the age of 66 years, on the last day of July, in the year of redemption 1817."*

The parish, at a meeting held Sept. 21st, 1789, passed that a committee should wait upon the Rev. Mr. Foot, at that time visiting in the place, to ascertain whether he would assume its temporary care. The committee reporting that he would remain for six months, the meeting adjourned with a vote binding the engagement and the receiving from the retiring Dr. Bowden, who was present, the generous donation of twenty pounds sterling. Mr. Foot's term of engagement expired, and on the first Tuesday in May, 1790, the Rev. George Ogilvie† was chosen rector of the

*A copy of this epitaph was kindly forwarded to Norwalk by a Ballston friend. The date of Dr. Bowden's death is rendered, as the author believes a native Roman would have read it, viz., July 31st. It is possible, however, to infer from the inscription, that the date referred to was August 1st, rather than the day before.

†The Rev. George Ogilvie, son of John Ogilvie, D. D., of Trinity church, N. Y., was born in 1758, and graduated at Kings College in 1774. He was ordained deacon by Bishop Provost and priest in 1790, (the year of his coming to Norwalk,) by Bishop Seabury. His first wife to whom he was married Sept. 4, 1777, was Amelia Willett, of West Farms, Westchester County, N. Y. Two children were born to them, Elizabeth (Betsey), July 20, 1778, and Amelia, Dec. 13, 1779. Mrs. Amelia Ogilvie died March 18, 1780, and Mr. Ogilvie on July 28, 1782, married, for a second wife, Ann McWhorter, of Newark, N. J. A son (John), was born to them June 22, 1783, but died the next day, and the next

parish. It was during this rectorship that the new church of 1786 was pewed and finished. John Cannon, Thomas Belden and Gould Hoyt supervised the work, and with inside and outside completed the structure was comely and for the era imposing. Its vaulted ceiling, with dependant chandeliers, its chaste pulpit, and cushioned desk, and neat communion table with circular rail, are still remembered; while its projecting chancel, and west end tower, and tasteful belfry and graceful spire, and, later, line of Lombardy poplars all rising from a carpet of living green, formed, as viewed from the common in front, a pleasing picture, and no wonder that it was the wish of so many of the fathers that at death they might be laid beside it. Mr. Ogilvie's rectorship lacked but a few days of six years' duration. His resignation took effect Oct. 23, 1796, and the parish by unanimous vote called the Rev. Dr. William Smith, of Trinity Church, Newport, R. I. Dr. Smith was not an incapable but a competent man. He was a thinker, and his writings attest that he thought to a purpose. He was the preacher at the consecration of Bishop Jarvis, and his sermon was hearty and weighty and created a commotion and was assailed, but the preacher's potent reply proved that he understood his subject and could not be driven from his position, at least by fine sophistry or flash-light rhetoric. An incident interesting to the children of this parish, was his preparation, while here, of the

child was a daughter, born January 6, 1786, who died on the second day after her birth. Mr. Ogilvie's blood was that, it is claimed, of the Ogilvies of the Earldoms of Finlater and Seafeld. An oil painting by Copley, (father of Lord Lyndhurst), of Mr. Ogilvie's father, (Dr. John), is now in the possession of Trinity Parish, N. Y. He died about six months after leaving Norwalk, (April 3, 1797), and is buried in Rye, Westchester County, N. Y. His father lies in the Ogilvie vault, in Trinity Church yard, the vaults in which yard were ordered to be closed some time before the son's death. Rev. George Ogilvie's daughter, Elizabeth (Betsey), married, Dec. 24, 1795. Thomas, son of Samuel Belden, (grandfather of Frederick Belden, Esq., of this town), and the nephew of Thomas Belden, the old church warden of the last century. Samuel Belden lived in Wilton, directly opposite St. Matthew's Church, and he gave the land whereon that edifice stands. Thomas and Betsey Belden's son George, (Hon. George O. Belden, United States congressman), was born March 28, 1797, and married, on July 19, 1821, Miss Minerva Anne Heacock. This estimable lady, daughter of Elisha and Ann Heacock, of Washington, Litchfield County, Connecticut, is gratefully remembered in Norwalk. Her husband died about a half century ago; she survived him, and was the tender care of her daughter, Mrs. Anne E. Webster, of Washington, D. C., until September 9, 1874. Miss Anne Eliza Belden, daughter of Hon. George O. and Minerva A. Belden, married in St. Michael's Church, Litchfield, June 27, 1842, Edwin Belden Webster, Esq., of northern Connecticut. Their two sons are Lieutenant George Ogilvie Webster, who after a term of eight years professorship of military science in one of this nation's colleges, has just been re-appointed to the adjutancy in the United States Army, and Edwin Belden Webster, a Norwalk school boy, and now assistant paymaster in the United States Navy, and who has recently returned from the Government Alaska Expedition of 1883.

The Rev. George Ogilvie's second daughter, Amelia, married John Comstock, Esq., of New Canaan, the father of Mr. Comstock, so long of the Commercial House of Howland, Aspinwall & Co., of New York.

office of institution, which office was compiled in the old parsonage study, probably.* The propositions which Dr. Smith made to his wardens indicate that he looked upon the pastoral tie as did one,† who, thirty years later, was called to this field, but declined it, assigning that the vows of institution are sacred, and he could not expect the blessing of Heaven upon the breach of them by relinquishing the charge he already had. His rectorship terminating in the fall of 1800, Dr. Smith removed to the City of New York and subsequently filled responsible positions in the church. Toward the close of life he returned to Norwalk and was the author of a treatise entitled *Smith's Primitive Psalmody*. He died April 8, 1821, leaving five children, the second of whom took Seabury as one of his names. Three grandchildren survive; William Duff, of Norwalk, Edward J., of Wisconsin, and Henry, of Ridgefield.‡

A young man of twenty-two, the Rev. Henry Whitlock, was Dr. Smith's successor. He entered upon his duties Nov 8, 1800, and while still in deacon's orders, but he so won the esteem of the people that assurance of his induction to the rectorship, upon receiving priest's orders, was given him. Henry Whitlock was of a cultivated and refined mind, and his disposition seems to have been trained. His life was consecrated to duty. He was faithful within the parish, and there is record of his baptizing the living and burying the dead far outside of it.§ He was father-in-law of Rev. Dr. William Lupton Johnson, of Jamaica, L. I., and was in charge of St. Paul's for about eleven years, after which he became rector of Trinity Church, New Haven. Brief life was his portion. He had gone south in quest of health, and died, in his thirty-eighth year, at Fayetteville, North Carolina, on Christmas day, 1814.||

* Copies of the original compilation of the office of institution are still in existence. The efficient and courteous state librarian, Charles J. Hoadly, Esq., of Hartford, to whom the author of this document is under obligations, has a copy in his possession.

† Rev. William Crosswell.

‡ Dr. Smith taught as principal in his own, and later in life, assistant in his son's school in Norwalk. His wife died at her home in Norwalk, in 1820. He died in New York city, and is buried in Trinity Church yard.

§ He read the burial office, in 1805, on the occasion of the first interment (an ancestor of the present senior warden of St. Paul's), in the burial ground on the ridge in New York state, eleven miles northwest of this parish, from which eminence Norwalk's "white ascending" spire is on a clear day distinctly to be seen.

|| Mr. Whitlock, whose wife was a sister of D. Starr Bartram, formerly of Norwalk, left several daughters: Mary Elizabeth, who married Rev. Dr. Wm. Lupton Johnson, assistant to Bishop Moore, of Richmond, Va., and rector of St. Michael's, Trenton, N. J.; for forty years, rector of Grace Church, Jamaica, L. I.; and Caroline, who married Isaac G. Seymour, a graduate of Yale College and West Point, and formerly editor of the *New Orleans Bulletin*, and who, having served with distinction in the Mexican and Indian wars,

In September, 1811, the Rev. Joseph Prentice was invited to officiate, but declined. At the close of the same month Dr. Bethel Judd* was asked to the headship of the parish. Dr. Judd seems

*Son of Noah and Rebecca Judd, of Watertown, Connecticut, and born in May, 1776. He came of long-lived stock; his father reached the age of eighty-six, and his mother ninety-nine, and himself, although dyspeptic, arrived close on to his eighty-third year of age. He was a Yale graduate, class of 1797 and officiated in the dioceses of Connecticut, New York and Delaware, in the latter of which dioceses (at Wilmington,) he died "in great peace" April 8th, 1858. In 1836-7 he resided in Norwalk and preached in Wilton.

fell at the battle of Gaines Mill; Henrietta, who married a cotton merchant of New Orleans, and Lucy Ann, who died several years since in Jamaica, L. I. He left one son of the firm, in 1836, of Knox, Whitlock & Rockwell, River street, Troy, N. Y. The firm was engaged in the dry goods trade, and was composed of Jno. LeGrand Knox, formerly of Norwalk, and Jno. Henry Whitlock and Gould Rockwell. Mr. John H. Whitlock died many years ago in Troy, and his wife (Miss Sarah Huntington), died this present year at New London, Conn. Mr. Gould Rockwell, the last surviving member of the Troy firm, was a zealous Trojan churchman, but is now a resident of Ridgefield, and valuably efficient in St. Stephen's parish in that town.

Extract from a manuscript letter penned, while a sufferer, by Mr. Whitlock to his parents a short time before he left upon his trip south in quest of health, and which contained his last words to them:

NEW HAVEN, August 5th, 1814.

"HONORED AND DEAR PARENTS:

I have not written you according to my wishes, having been, as I still am, very infirm. Having a fear that if I deferred much longer I should not be able to write at all, and so you would have never received another line from me, I have exerted myself the more to write. This is perhaps the last you will receive from mine own hand. Accept, my dearly beloved parents, my sincere acknowledgments for your parental kindness manifested toward me in countless instances from my infancy to the present time. * * * The Lord bless you. * * * With regard to my departure I rejoice in the belief that God will order the time of it in infinite wisdom and goodness; and he who opened a way through the river Jordan into the promised inheritance will not now be unmindful of his servants in that solemn hour when they are passing from the trials of the present life to the Heavenly inheritance. 'Jordan shall be driven back.' 'An entrance shall be administered abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.'

I desire greatly to see you all once more while I am in the body, but how much greater would be our joy to meet each other in a state of blessedness never more to be separated. *There* is an innumerable company of angels; *there* the spirits of just men made perfect; *there* is God the Father; *there* is Jesus Christ, the Mediator; *there* is the water of the well of life; *there* is refreshment and rest. * * * I am very desirous of writing to my brothers and sisters but I shall not be able. Please to make my most affectionate love to them. * * * Please to exhort them all from me that a watchful, devout life, and a habitual perseverance in prayer, a daily study of God's word, and a faithful attention to the duties of family worship, and also an attendance upon all the divine ordinances are necessary to our present and future peace. On what phantoms do they trust who set their affections on 'the things on the earth.' They toil for trifles and loose crowns of glory and riches unspeakable.

* * * My health is feeble. * * * I may linger some weeks, I may expire soon; God's will be done."

The letter is addressed on the outside: "Mr. John Whitlock, Castleton, Vermont."

Mr. Whitlock performed the trip south in a gig. His traveling companion was a young physician, Dr. Samuel Perry, of Norwalk. Dr. Perry was a nephew of the first Nehemiah Perry, of Ridgefield. There have been in Ridgefield three generations of physicians in the same family and of the same name: (Nehemiah, M. D., of 1886, being son of Nehemiah, 2d., and grandson of Nehemiah, 1st.,) all men of high character, and undeniable abilities, and who belonged to the class represented by Drs. Knight, Miller, Noyes, Haight, Nash, Betts, Butler, Bissell, McLean, Gregory and Lynes, of this town and county solid, important men, both as physicians and citizens, and whose memories have claim upon the gratitude of a large constituency.

to have been a man of prudent, patient wisdom, and one, who, in the administration of office, was faithful and conscientious. He

The Perry house, in Norwalk, stood on one of the four corners, (northeast one), at the foot of the hill, west of St. Paul's, or, as the records a century ago call it, "The hill between Dr. Leaming's and Ebenezer Lockwood's," the storing place in former times of ammunition and of the accouterments of battle. (In 1776 "two four pounders, and four three-pounders, and one hundred round shot to suit them; and grape shot in proportion," were procured from Salisbury and kept there.) Dr. Samuel Perry's mother was sister of Capt. Stephen Betts' wife, and of Miss Betsey Church and her brothers. His sister married Richard H. Camp, Jr., and was the mother of Miss Eliza Camp and her sister Margaret, of France street. Dr. Perry returned to Norwalk and the next year he died and is buried here.

Mr. Whitlock was so much beloved in Fayetteville, where he is interred, that a monument has there been raised to his memory. The parishes which he served have indeed cause, in the language of the Rev. Dr. E. E. Beardsley in his recent admirable article concerning him, to "be thankful that their history is adorned with the rectorship of such a cultivated and goodly man."

His monument reads :

Here lies interred
the mortal remains
of the Rev. Henry Whitlock, A. M.,
late rector of Trinity Church,
in the County of New Haven,
and State of Connecticut,
who,
in the pursuit of fugitive health,
when every other source of hope
had failed,
left all that his soul held
most dear on earth,
and here
(in a land of strangers, alas),
though cheered by every comfort,
which the hand of hospitality could offer,
fell a victim to the ravages
of consumption,
on the 25th of December,
1814,
in the 38th year of his age.

O, Thou,
whose feet have wandered
to the silent abodes of the dead,
and who, perchance, may read
this tribute of respect and love,
if purity of life,
if guiltless simplicity of manners,
if ardent piety,
if zeal which burnt without consuming,
if all the qualities which endear
the husband, father, friend and pastor,
have power to excite Thy sympathy
and charm Thy soul,
then drop a tear over his grave
and emulate his virtues.

Which inscription is the composition, it is supposed, of John Winslow, formerly of Boston or its vicinity, who, removing to North Carolina about the beginning of the present century, established himself in business at Fayetteville, and was one of the founders, in 1817, of the parish in that place. Mr. Winslow, who himself died, in 1820, received Mr. Whitlock into his family; and caused that after the stranger clergyman's death his remains should be interred in his own well kept lot. The Rev. J. C. Huske, rector for the past thirty-five years at Fayetteville, mentions, in a letter enclosing a copy of the inscription, that it is entirely legible to-day.

was a man of staying qualities, and at one time was thought of as a successor to Bishop Jarvis. He was rector at Norwalk, and afterwards at New London, and was one of a committee of seven appointed in 1819 to solicit from the Rev. Thomas Church Brownell, of Trinity Church, New York, the acceptance of the Bishopric of Connecticut. He was principal of the Cheshire Academy, and removed from the diocese in about 1835. His resignation was accepted September 27, 1813, and the Rev. Mr. Johnson* was called, who was succeeded in 1814 by Dr. Judd again.

The Rev. Reuben Sherwood, a deacon, followed Dr. Judd in 1816. He was admitted in St. Paul's church to the priesthood and in December, 1819, was instituted rector by Bishop Brownell. He knew what was needed in the parish and how to direct its forces; and of firm church principles and endowed with the spirit of power, his leading and his preaching were definite. The school which he conducted became celebrated. The Rev. Messrs. Allen C. Morgan† and Norman Pinney‡ assisted him, and among his pupils were the Rev. Dr. E. E. Beardsley, historiographer to the church, and Benjamin Ackerly, D. D., of Oakland, Cal., and Edward and Charles,§ the sons of Commodore McDonough, of Lake Champlaine renown, and Isaac Bell, jr., son of one of Washington Irving's characters, and Henry R., and John S., sons of John; and Edward and Charles, sons of Francis B. Winthrop. Mrs. Sherwood was of the Rogers family of Shippan Point, and the Revs. Abel and David Ogden were nephews of Dr. Sherwood.¶ At the solicitation of Bishop Brownell he, in 1830, resigned St. Paul's to take charge of the Hartford High School, a sort of preparatory institution for Washington, now Trinity, College.¶ A longing for parish duty led him, in 1831, to Ulster county, N. Y., in which county he was the first clergyman of the church known to have officiated. He resided four years at Saugerties and was in 1835 called to St. James' Church, Hyde Park, where he remained until his death on Whit Sunday, 1856. It may be stated in connection with this notice of Dr. Sher-

*The Rev. Evan M. Johnson, afterward rector of St. John's Church, Brooklyn, L. I.

†Candidate in 1829 for Holy orders.

‡Afterward tutor in Trinity College, ordained deacon January 21st, 1827.

§The MacDonough lads who are unforgotten in Norwalk, were quite young when they met with an irreparable loss—that of their parents, both parents died in the same year, the heroic and excellent father in his ship and upon the ocean, in the autumn of 1825, and the gifted mother just three months, lacking one day, previously. The Commodore died at the age of 42 and his wife at the age of 35.

¶ See note, p. 16.

¶ See note, p. 17.

wood, that he was the organizer of the Sunday School in this parish. The school first met in the gallery of the old church, and numbered, as far as can be ascertained, some fifty teachers and members. It is believed that not one of its teachers, among whom were Mrs. Jarvis Street and Miss Betsey Church, both of them too earnest and too devoted to be soon forgotten, is now living. The last survivor was the late Edwin Hoyt. Jarvis Street, who was active in the parish, had charge of the school instruction books.*

*The late Miss Amelia Belden was connected with this school; also the present Mrs. Jonathan Camp, and Mr. Josiah Raymond.

||The following is an exact copy of a programme 61 years old:

SCHEME
OF THE
EXERCISES AT THE EXHIBITION
OF THE
EPISCOPAL ACADEMY,
IN NORWALK, OCT. 12, 1825.



1. Music.
2. Latin Oration, *by John S. Winthrop.*
3. *Forensic Disputation*, On the comparative benefits of the Art of Printing and the Mariners Compass, *by Benjamin Edwards and Stephen Reed.*
4. Music.
5. *Poem*, To the memory of Byron, *by R. John Everitt.*
6. *Oration*, On the intellectual powers of man, *by Milton Crawford.*
7. *Oration*, On national prosperity, *by Henry R. Winthrop.*
8. Music.
9. *Dialogue*—SOBISKI.
Stanislaus, *H. R. Winthrop.*
Pulaski, *R. J. Everitt.*
Sobiski, *Charles R. Smith.*
Anhalt, *J. S. Winthrop.*
10. *Epilogue*, *Edward Sellon.*

It is the order of an entertainment given by the pupils of Dr. Sherwood's school. The Winthrop's referred to, viz., John S., who made the Latin oration, and Henry R., whose theme was "National Prosperity," were grandsons of Fitch, son of Nehemiah and Elizabeth (Fitch) Rogers of Norwalk. Fitch Rogers' second daughter, Harriet, (sister of Mrs. Dr. Sherwood) married John Winthrop, Esq. The Winthrop House in Stamford stood on the east side of the triangular "green," a few rods distant from St. John's

April 26, 1830, the Rev. Alexander H. Crosby* was invited to the rectorship, but declined.

The Rev. Henry S. Atwater† officiated from June 27 to December 19, 1830, and from the register which he kept it is noticeable that, with but one exception all of his marriages—he had several—were

church, and neighbor to the Brown, and Fitch Rogers, Jr., and Holly Homes. The Rogers family pew in the old St. John's, right prosperous mother to-day of several daughters, is still remembered. Dr. Sherwood's engaging pupil, Henry Rogers Winthrop, was Yale valedictorian, class of 1830, and his cousin, Edward, of New Haven, was valedictorian next year (1831) at Yale. It is an interesting fact that the cousins should, each in his respective class, have borne away the highest honors of Alma Mater, and it is testimony to their intellectual capabilities also because in both instances, the race for the distinction was a sharply contested one. The cousins had for competitors two thoroughly cultured and earnest classmates, brothers, from South Carolina.

Edward Winthrop, (valedictorian of 1831,) was son of Francis Bayard Winthrop, of New Haven. His brother, Charles, and himself, were second cousins of Mrs. Dr. Sherwood and old members of the Norwalk school. Edward was afterward elected rector of St. Paul's church, Cincinnati, Ohio, and after that of St. Paul's, Norwalk, Ohio, and he being grandson of Moses and Sarah (Woolsey) Rogers was gr. gr. grandson of Ralph Isaacs. The Benjamin Edwards mentioned in "The Scheme," was from Long Island, and of the Yale class of 1829, and his discussion of the art of printing and the mariner's compass was probably his farewell to school, while his disputant, Stephen Reed, was a Greek student and belonged to the Reed family of West Norwalk. R. John Everitt was a young man who belonged to the institution and was baptized by Dr. Sherwood while under his care; and Edward Sellon, who pronounced the parting words, was the son of a clergyman of the English church; there were two brothers, Sellon, who attended Dr. Sherwood's school.

The connection of the Norwalk Rogerses and the Massachusetts Winthrops was through Nehemiah and Elizabeth (Fitch) Rogers' son Henry. His (Henry's) son, Dr. John Smith Rogers, married Gov. Thomas L. Winthrop's daughter, Augusta, sister of Robert C. Winthrop. John Smith, after whom Dr. John S. Rogers appears to have been named, was one of the king of Great Britain's American treasurers.

¶ In the beginning of Dr. Sherwood's rectorship St. Paul's numbered about one hundred communicants; and at its close the number was in the neighborhood of one hundred and sixty-four. Some forty communicants had died or removed during Dr. Sherwood's fourteen years care.

The Diocesan Convention of 1828 met in Norwalk, and in his report of that year (which was his last but one), the rector of St. Paul's mentions that he had attended two hundred and fourteen funerals. "Supposing then," he goes on to say, "the whole number of souls in the parish, including men, women, and children, to amount to seven hundred, which is thought a large calculation, we find that a number nearly equaling one-third of the whole congregation, has within the last twelve years been numbered with the dead. And if on this computation, which is certainly a reasonable one, we extend our views forward, it will be found that within the short space of thirty-six years, there will have died in this parish a number fully equal to the whole congregation at the commencement of this period." Dr. Sherwood's limitation of thirty-six years expired, in 1864, but extend the time sixteen years so as to include Dr. Mead's entire rectorship, and over 1,600 have been attended. The report of Dr. Sherwood concludes very properly with the words, "Teach us, O Lord, so to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

* Studied under the advice of the well-read and universally beloved Dr. Samuel Nichols (father of Rev. George Warner Nichols, now residing in St. Paul's parish), of Bedford, N. Y., and while naturally sedate, yet was prepossessing and engaging. "St. Paul's," says one who has fresh remembrance of him, "would have done well to have secured him." He became rector of St. John's church, Yonkers, and continued such eleven years.†

† Ambrose Todd, D.D., brought Mr. Atwater to Norwalk, and took him at once to the new home of the late Stephen Smith, on Newtown avenue, where he was cordially welcomed. His first administration of baptism in this parish was in Judge Smith's house, on the evening of Whit Sunday, 1830. Mr. Atwater spent the latter part of his life in the west.

solemnized in the church. Previous to his day such public celebrations had been rare. It is believed that the church of 1786 had almost completed two-thirds of its existence before it had witnessed such a service. One of the contracting parties in the first marriage known to have been solemnized in that edifice still survives, a revered communicant,* to whom children lovingly minister.†

On Easter Monday, 1831, the parish, through its vote, asked from Bishop Brownell a nomination for the rectorship. Action was promptly taken, and the fondly-remembered incumbency of Jackson Kemper‡ was soon inaugurated. The spirit, the heart, and

* Mrs. Edwin Hoyt.

† The second marriage in the church of 1786 was that of James Stevens, Esq. to Fanny Whitlock, April 4th, 1821, and the latest marriages in the same edifice, and after it was removed to the Jarvis lot in order to make room for the erection of the new church, were George Hayes Bradley, of New Haves, to Theodocia Fitch Daskam, of Norwalk, October 7th, 1840, and on January 20th, 1841, George A. Lally to Frances B. St. John (daughter of Charlotte St. John, formerly of St. Paul's, Norwalk, but later of St. Paul's, New Haven,) and Charles Frederick Osborn to Caroline Kellogg, March 23d, 1841.

‡ Jackson Kemper was born December 24th, 1789, at Pleasant Valley, near Poughkeepsie, N. Y. His parents were transient residents of that place, their home being in New York City, to which their young son was taken for baptism by Bishop Moore. He was afterward sent to a school taught by one of the Fitch family, of Darien, and subsequently to Cheshire, where his predecessor at St. Paul's, Dr. Wm. Smith, was principal. He then studied, as did also Bishop Benj. T. Onderdonk, and Judge Hoffman, with Dr. Barry; and the doctor's three pupils entered Columbia College together and graduated in 1809. Mr. Kemper read theology under the direction of the clergy of Trinity Church. In the spring of 1811 he was ready for deacon's orders, and as Bishop Moore lay stricken with paralysis, and Bishop Hobart was not yet consecrated, he was ordained by Bishop White in St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia, on March 11th, 1811. He was almost at once called to the united parishes of St. Peter and St. James, of which Bishop White had been rector. He was admitted to priest's orders by Bishop White and continued his Philadelphia connection until 1831. During a portion of the time he spent in Pennsylvania he was in ill-health, and consequently took long journeys, usually on horseback. In one of these trips he went as far west as Ohio, visiting and officiating in Canfield and Boardmans, and Poland, in that diocese. In 1814 he was called to the assistantship of St. Paul's Church (Dr. Kemp's), Baltimore. He refused it and the parish was offered to his friend, the late Dr. Wyatt, who there continued until the end of his life. In 1816 he was married to Miss Jerusha Lyman, a daughter of General William Lyman, of Northampton, Mass., a lady of rare intellect and superior character. She died, in 1818, and in 1821 he married Miss Ann Relf, of Philadelphia, who was the mother of his three children—Elizabeth (Mrs. William Adams), Louis, one of the noblest sons of the church, and Samuel, residing in Wisconsin. Mrs. Ann Kemper was fifteen years younger than her husband, and was a very remarkable and very beautiful woman, and although a resident of Norwalk for only two months, was cherished and beloved by our people. It was the desire on the part of her husband for a rural parish that secured for St. Paul's this happy rectorship, to an appreciation of which the people at once rose. The vestry of the parish went on the evening of the doctor's arrival in June, 1831, to Old Well, and after the steamer Fairfield was made fast to the pier, and the doctor and his family descended the plank, extended to them a true welcome. They were at once driven to Hezekiah Jarvis's house and the "Squire" and his wife, and his daughters Lavinia and Sarah and Amelia and Mary received them, and (until their goods arrived) made them at home. A bright and happy summer followed: the pastor and his partner both throwing themselves with great zest into country parish life. Dr. Kemper spent a great deal of his time with his people. In a letter of Mrs. Kemper written at that time is penned that he "had every evening a service in some of the outlying hamlets." It was his custom, after the second service in the early afternoon on Sunday, to visit some of the parishioners who through age or infirmity had been kept away from church,

above all the saintliness of the rector from 1831 to 1835 are among the holy memories of this people. His look was benignant, and his manner full of grace, and his nature of sweetness, and his religion was the even flow of the peaceful meadow stream. "The Lord is in His Holy Temple" and no man in his performance of the service, beginning thus, seemed more fully to realize that the object of worship was everything and he nothing, than did Doctor Kemper. His sermons were full of wise words, his private counsels were precious, he was an angel of compassion to the afflicted, and his ministrations were a benediction descending from Heaven. He was called in 1835 to the missionary bishopric of the northwest, and left a sorrowing flock, committing to their tender keeping the dust of his beloved wife. He died in 1870, and rests on the banks of the Nashota lakes,* close by the mound raised over the remains of his earnest and indefatigable old Sunday school officer's son, the Rev. LeGrand Finney, of this parish.†

After the resignation, in 1835, of Dr. Kemper, the parish called and the setting Lord's day usually found him at old Mrs. William St. John's and elsewhere, reading to his aged communicants and praying with them. In May, 1832, Mrs. Kemper died, and the parsonage and parish were in deep affliction. Dr. Kemper remained, rendering faithful service until his election in 1835 to the Episcopate, and Consecration on Sept. 25, that year, in the same church (St. Peter's, Philadelphia), and by the same prelate where and by whom he had twenty-four years before been admitted to the diaconate.

* Bishop Kemper's monument is thus inscribed :—

Here
rests in hope
The body of
JACKSON KEMPER,
Born Dec 24, 1789
Died May 24, 1870.
To live is Christ,
To die is gain.

The sides of the tomb are thus lettered :—

First Missionary Bishop of the American
Church 1835—1859

First Bishop of the Diocese of Wisconsin
1854—1870

†The Sunday school officer here referred to is James Finney, Esq., who lacked but a few months of fifty years' service as librarian and superintendent of St. Paul's school. His son LeGrand, a devoted young clergyman of the church, was for some time rector of the parish in Plainfield, New Jersey, after which he removed to the West, where he died. A discourse commemorative of his former Sunday school pupil, LeGrand Finney, was preached by the late Dr. Mead, from the text, "So he giveth his beloved sleep." Concerning Mr. Finney at the time of his ordination, Dr. Mead in his sermon, July 7th, 1861, remarked: "It has also been a cheering event in my ministry here that one of those whom I baptized in infancy, and presented for confirmation in his youth, and to whom I gave his first communion, has been presented by me to the bishop to be admitted to the first grade in the Christian ministry, and that I have the real gratification of seeing him begin his public ministry with such indications of talent and zeal, and such tokens of devotion to his sacred calling, as to encourage the belief that he will in due time take rank among the ablest and most useful ministers of the church."

to the rectorship the Rev. William Croswell, rector of Christ Church, Boston, and son of the Rev. Dr. Harry Croswell, of Trinity Church, New Haven. He was Bishop-elect Kemper's nominee and was commended by Bishops Brownell and Doane, and the action of the parish in without delay extending its invitation to one of so much promise was highly complimentary to it. But Mr. Croswell declined the call, saying to his father in a letter of Sept. 19, 1835, that he had never been to Norwalk and was ignorant of the strength of its claims to consideration.

The next choice fell upon the Rev. Mr. Cummins, and a committee visited New York City for the purpose of waiting upon him, but the errand was fruitless.

On the 12th of October, 1835, a call was extended to the Rev. James C. Richmond, of Philadelphia, who shortly afterwards accepted and entered upon the work. On July 1st, 1836, the following letter was read in a meeting held that day:

To the Parishioners of St. Paul's Church, Norwalk:

GENTLEMEN:—With the most heartfelt regret I am under the necessity of respectfully requesting your acceptance of my resignation of the rectorship of this church. Having received an invitation which my duty to the church and my family does not leave me at liberty to refuse, I trust you will grant this request with a full and candid consideration of my case. Since the early dissolution of the endearing relation between pastor and flock is unpleasant in itself, I beg that an entry be made on your records that this request is presented by me at a time when your harmony as a Christian society and your kindness to me as your pastor add unfeigned sorrow to the sentiments to which I subscribe such a petition.

Yours respectfully and affectionately in Christ,

JAMES C. RICHMOND.

The meeting accepted the resignation of Mr. Richmond,* and

*The rectorship of Rev. James Cook Richmond was brief, but his fervor and fidelity are not forgotten by his former parishioners. He was born in Providence, R. I., and although but 27 years of age, when in Norwalk, it was evident that his gifts and powers were extraordinary. He was educated at Harvard, and afterward at Gottingen, and Halle, and ordained deacon in 1832, and priest in 1833 by Bishop Griswold, and he died in 1866. The following are extracts from a speech delivered in Milwaukee by U. S. Senator Carpenter upon the occasion of his death:

"He was a great man measured by any standard you please to select. No man ever assailed his orthodoxy. The divinity of Jesus he believed to be the corner stone of the faith. He reasoned, argued, declaimed with the warmest zeal against all doubt on this cardinal point. There was nothing that so occupied his thoughts as this; and we, who so often heard him, can never forget his zeal and the very great ability with which he always treated his grand and lofty theme. He had great contempt for mere rhetoric, and held it altogether unsuitable to the pulpit. Religious belief and faith must be bottomed upon *facts, truths*; the hearer must not only be induced to yield assent; he must be convinced. The first ten minutes of his sermon were occupied with short sentences; the foundations of his arguments were slowly and carefully laid, and the structure of his theory arose upon it as regularly, and

before adjourning voted that Stephen Mott, Benjamin Isaacs, William J. Street and Stephen Smith be a committee empowered to call the Rev. William Cooper Mead, D. D.,* of Philadelphia; which call

stood as firmly, and was as plainly seen as a marble palace upon its foundations. The beauties of his sermon were beauties of proportion and adaptation—not artificial ornaments and flowers of speech. You were not carried off in a balloon of rhetoric, or on a cloud of rainbow beauties: but you had gone with him step by step, up the mountain side, you knew every foot of the ascent, and you could look where he pointed, far above the petty pursuits of life, to the pinnacles of faith and duty. How sublimely he celebrated the ordinances and sacraments of the church. If you have seen him by the sick bed of your dying children, as I have seen him beside mine in the very ante-chamber of death, stretching out his arms repeating the solemn service: ‘We receive this child into the congregation of Christ’s flock, and do sign her with the sign of the cross;’ if you have clung to him for consolation when your wife and children, in the chamber of another dying child, were trembling and crying around you, and your own heart strings were breaking with grief; if you have gone with him, been led, sustained and supported by him to the grave of some dear one gone before you; if you have heard from him, ‘I am the resurrection and the life.’ ‘Earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust,’ if you have followed him through such scenes, then cherish the memory of them in your hearts; you will never know the like again.”

*Born in Greenwich, Conn, October 26, 1795; studied with Rev. Dr. Barry; ordained deacon by Bishop Croes in Christ’s church, New Brunswick, N. J., January 6, 1824, and priest in 1825, by Bishop Hobart, of New York. He officiated in Christ church, Mamaroneck; was rector of Grace church, White Plains, 1824-6 and of Christ church, Reading, Penn., for a few months, and of Trinity church, Philadelphia, 1826-36, and of St. Paul’s, Norwalk, from 1836 to 1879. He died suddenly on Thursday, July 17th, 1879, (the anniversary of the death in 1836 of his former valued friend and counsellor, Rt. Rev. William White) at a little after 5 o’clock in the afternoon. At a later hour the bell in St. Paul’s tower tolled slowly his age, and as the tones were borne solemnly out upon the evening air, announced to the people that their aged rector and pastor and friend had departed. A meeting of the wardens and vestry was summoned, and suitable action taken. The church was draped with mourning and the funeral appointed for Wednesday of the following week. The Bishop of the diocese spent the Sunday intervening in the parish, and spake feelingly and eloquently to the bereaved flock. During the morning of Wednesday, July 23d, the remains were seen by the Sunday school of St. Paul’s and by many friends and visitors, and the funeral took place in the church at two o’clock that afternoon. It was attended by the Bishop of the diocese with a large number of the clergy, and by parishioners and citizens in general. The committal office was read in the church and a few collects at the tomb.

“Thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age, like as a shock of corn cometh in its season.”

Calendar lesson at evening prayer for July 17th.

Mrs. Dr. Mead, (Miss Maria Harlan, of Philadelphia) was an invalid during the latter portion of her life, and confined to the parsonage, and much of the time to her room. At a previous period and before her sickness, she was active, and especially among those who did not drink freely of the cup of life’s comforts, and who keenly appreciated her delicate services of Christian sympathy and kindness. She died several years before her husband, in April, 1875, and is buried in the Mead family tomb, a few feet south of the church portals, but has by no means dropped out of the memory of those who knew concerning her goodness and usefulness. Two of Dr. Mead’s daughters survive him, Mrs. Samuel Tiffany, of Newark, N. J., and Miss Jane Maria Mead, of Norwalk. Another daughter, the late Mrs. B. E. Staats, is buried in St. Paul’s yard, and another, Mrs. Theodore Mead, is interred in Greenwich.

The subjoined is an extract from Dr. Mead’s Twenty-Fifth Anniversary discourse, delivered in St. Paul’s church on Sunday morning, July 7th, 1861, and as a reminder of the solemnity of his composition, and the strong sense of his writings, and the sound doctrine which rang out so clearly in his preaching, it will not, it is thought, be unacceptable to those to whom his memory, in relation to these particulars, is such a treasure. His text was

was on the 14th of the same month—a half century ago yesterday—accepted.

Dr. Mead was a strong man; a man of energy and ability, and of clear vision and quick perception of that which was feasible and practicable. He possessed singular administrative wisdom, and as

from the words, "For we are unto God a sweet savor of Christ, in them that are saved and in them that perish. To the one we are a savor of death unto death, and to the other the savor of life unto life." And he had just been dwelling upon what the parish had accomplished since his coming to it in 1836, when, in bringing the address to a conclusion, he thus remarks:

"But, brethren, this steady stream of prosperity is not without its sad memories and solemn warnings. Within the past 25 years nearly 600 funerals have been attended by your rector, or by those who represented and assisted him in this parish. Nearly 600 times in the aggregate has 'Earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust,' been pronounced over the mortal remains of some of your relatives, friends and acquaintances. 'Your fathers, where are they?' Of the aged and middle aged who greeted me at my coming to this parish, but few now survive. The tomb, the green hillock which marks their graves sadly reminds us that they are gone, that the place which once knew them, will know them no more; and that soon their fate will be ours. Of the four parishioners who, as the committee of this society invited me to be your rector, three now sleep with their fathers, and one alone remains. Amid all this havoc of death, the occupants of your parsonage have been singularly preserved. Of the houses which stood around the green and near the church and parsonage-lot when I came here, not one but has given its trophy to death. I have often stood on my lawn and mused on the changes wrought by time, and thought of departed friends and neighbors, and been startled when I had numbered them, to find that some seventy, within the call of my voice, had been removed by death, and yet those whom the parsonage roof tree sheltered remained unscathed. Loudly has this fact admonished your rector that, 'whatsoever his hand findeth to do, for Christ and the Church, should be done with his might.' May the solemn voices of the dead excite us, who must soon follow them into the spirit world, to devote our short remnant of life to glorify God by doing good in our day and generation.

One more topic, brethren, and I close. Within 25 years, 3,775 sermons have been delivered in this place; 2,717 by myself, and the rest by clergymen of the church who have assisted me. It is a solemn fact that the religious instructions so extensively offered and so variously received have already had their effect for good or evil on their hearers. For we may rest assured that, whether, under the preaching of the Gospel, men will fear and improve, or forbear and harden their hearts, God's word, proclaimed by his ministers, will not return unto Him void; it will accomplish that for which He hath sent it; either to secure the salvation of those who improve it, or to justify the condemnation of such as disregard it. 'For we are unto God a sweet saviour of Christ in them that are saved and in them that perish: to the one we are the saviour of death unto death, and to the other the saviour of life unto life.' It is God's design, 'by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe' and obey. It is His design through the faithfulness of preaching to vindicate all his attributes when he shall bring us into judgment, and fix the portion of each for eternity. Here the great fact will be shown that every one who perishes has been his own destroyer, seeing he has had deliverance placed within his reach, and might have grasped it if he would.

If then, brethren, it be true that you cannot be neutral under the preaching of the Gospel, if it be true that every sermon you hear will either benefit or injure you, how carefully and earnestly should your minister preach, and how thoughtfully and prayerfully should you 'take heed how ye hear.' Many years have I spoken to attentive ears and generous hearts, to minds alive to appreciate the truths of the doctrine uttered, and to approve the forensic skill and eloquence with which it may have been presented. But, ah, brethren, the great question for each to settle is, has the word preached as yet proved to my soul a savor of life unto life, or risen to God against me as a savor of death unto death?

We must deliver our message however men may receive it. We dare not keep it back. We tell you that it is only by repentance and faith and obedience that you can hope to escape the wrath to come. 'We pray you in Christ stead be ye reconciled unto God.' We set before the thoughtless and unconverted the only alternative that can be proposed; either forsake sin,

concerned ecclesiastical jurisprudence, was to be trusted with entire confidence. He deprecated changes, and was the apostle of the bidding of law. His views had weight in the committee room, he graced the moderator's chair, and was a power upon the floor of the convention. He was a sage counsellor but an acute debater as well. He spake to the point, and was gifted with what in another has been commended as the rhetorical quality of knowing when to stop. He was for some time secretary of the lower house in the general convention, and for many years chairman of the committee on canons. His services are distinctly worth putting upon record, and the church has reason to be proud of them. Uncompromising in his allegiance to it, never swerved by policy, but ever acting from conviction, inflexible, intelligent, influential, he won the admiration of his contemporaries, and will have secured the approbation of history. And as to that which he here accomplished, everything speaks of him. Not a building, not a wall, not a paling even is standing which stood when he came hither. He filled, and straightened, and paved and smoothed; he built first the church, then the walls, then the sheds, then the walks. He built Trinity chapel, South Norwalk, and helped build at least two other churches in this vicinity, and last of all he built his tomb. "Dr. Mead," said a jurist, a stranger to him, of an adjoining diocese, "the citizens of my town

and fly to Christ for pardon, and use every appointed means of grace, to secure for yourselves, as you may do, a heavenly inheritance; or else, he who is over you in the Lord, who has so often spoken to you, who now again speaks to you in weakness, though in earnestness, must, when the throne is set and the books are opened, testify against you before Heaven and earth that he has warned and instructed you but that you would not improve it; that you knew your duty though you did it not. Oh, save me from the dreadful necessity of witnessing against you! Improve what yet remains; from this hour make the blessed Gospel a savor of life unto life, and not of death unto death.

And you, beloved, who have been trying to 'work out your own salvation,' be diligent, be faithful, and the rewards of eternity shall be secured. What of joy or sorrow may be before you in the future, we know not. But this we know, that 'they that wait upon the Lord, shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint.'"

* The present St. Paul's is a substantial edifice in all its parts. The tower is strengthened by heavy oak timber from the frame of the former church. The belfry and spire stand on ten posts, each post being one foot square. The tower is fifty feet in height, and the belfry and spire extend one hundred feet beyond that, the whole being surmounted by the same weather vane that surmounted the spire of the church of 1786.

Probably there is not an individual in the parish who better understands concerning the building, from foundation bed to spire terminal, of St. Paul's Church, than does the venerable Henry Kellogg, "the church carpenter." He has industriously discharged his duty, and after a long labor day, and bent under the weight of years, bears with hope the infirmities and inquietudes of age.

The bell which hung in the steeple of the church of 1786 was a New Haven bell, bought evidently in November, 1795, at a cost of between 75 and 100 dollars. It now hangs in the belfry of St. Mark's Church, New Canaan. The fine toned bell which to-day hangs in St. Paul's Church, is from the Meneely West Troy foundry, of 2,030 pounds weight, and key F natural. It succeeded some two or three steel bells, and was put in place in January, 1869.

owe to you a monument. The spirit which you roused, and the start that you gave us, deserve recognition." "The monument is built," was the ready reply, "built notwithstanding opposition." And down to his death, he was wont to tell of Grace Church, White Plains,* of which parish he was the founder, as the memorial of his earliest ministerial work; while this ecclesiastical establishment, of the convenience and comfort and beauty of which he was guardian genius, is his later memorial. Other testimonials to his long ministry, eternity will present. He labored unweariedly; he faithfully proclaimed one topic—it was the text of the last sermon preached in the church of 1786; it was the theme of his life long sermon—"We preach Christ crucified."†

We close our record of the rectorships of the century with his mention, blessing Almighty God that the mantle has fallen upon one‡ who has so zealously taken up the work and so felicitously begun what we devoutly pray may prove another century of complete prosperity.

RECTOR AND PARISH ASSISTANTS.

Parish clerk, or reader of responses, William Cornwall.§ Clerical assistants, the Rev. William Atwill, the Rev. Thomas E. Pattison,|| (nephew of the late Dr. Mead, and to whose discreet and unremitting efforts much of the success of the rudimentary work done twenty-five years ago in the parish at South Norwalk, is due,) the Rev. William H. Williams, vicar of Padgate, England; the Rev. Curtis T. Woodruff, afterward rector of Trinity Church, South Norwalk; the Rev. Frederick Thompson,¶ the Rev. Ralph B.

* Under the rectorship to day of the Rev. Frederick B. VanKleeck, a son of one Dr. of Mead's old friends, the late Robert B. VanKleeck, D. D.

† The topic of the first sermon preached, in September, 1841, in the present edifice was "Reconciliation through the Redeemer of Mankind."

‡ The Rev. Howard Saxstone Clapp, born in 1851 in the city of Hartford; Yale graduate, class of 1872; ordained to the diaconate May 26, 1875, and to the priesthood, June 1, 1876. First charge, Trinity Church, Wethersfield, Conn., which he held until called in 1883 to St. Paul's, Norwalk, assuming its rectorship on Trinity Sunday, May 20, 1883.

§ Chorister from Mr. Whitlock's to Dr. Kemper's day, a period of nearly a quarter century, a position which in later years was faithfully filled by his son, Thomas.

|| He is now in Syracuse, diocese of central New York. His brother, the Rev. Eugene Pattison, was wont to visit his uncle, Dr. Mead, and married a daughter of the late Jonathan Camp, warden of St. Paul's. After twenty-six years' earnest labor in the ministry, he died, in 1831, in Bethel, Connecticut, and is buried in Norwalk, of which town his widow and most of his children are now residents.

¶ From the diocese of Albany, but ordained in Norwalk, by Bishop Williams, at the request of Bishop Doane.

Hoyt,* the Rev. Frederick R. Sandford,† the Rev. J. B. Jennings,‡ and Rev. C. M. Selleck.§

The story of the laymen of the past is one which, like that of the clergy, deserves not only mentioning but treasuring. The picture of our ancestors of a century ago is a reproduction of a picture twenty-two hundred years older, when the walls of Jerusalem were in heaps of rubbish and all set to work, and every one lent a hand, and the cry went resolutely up: "Come and let us build." Their homes were in ruins, and their holy temple lay in the dust, but they proposed to repair the desolation, and all joined in the work and each applied himself to the part within reach. It was too soon to decide upon a final plan; the smoke had hardly cleared away from the burnt district; the prospect politically was gloomy; the blasts of war were heard in the land; but they could not remain without their church, and decided to put up a building 24x36 for temporary occupancy, some among them offering money, some material, some both, to help in its construction. Goold Hoyt was the first subscriber; then Esaias Bouton, and Samuel Belden, and Jonathan Camp, and Nathan Jarvis, and Ebenezer Church, and Thomas Belden, and Hezekiah Osborn, and John and Samuel Cannon, and Matthew Reed, and Isaac Isaacs, and a number besides these. Others of the parish contributed parts of the frame and covering of the building, girders, posts, rafters, studding and shingles: and still others lent of their skill in cutting, and strength in working, and time in carting. There were some special offerings: David Lambert gave the communion table, as Stephen St. John and Ebenezer Church and Thomas Fayerweather did the chancel and the pulpit in the former church; and Thomas Belden the brass hinges for the desk; and Jacob Jennings the hinges for the pulpit; and Eliakim Warren and David Nash their cash donations, in addition to their subscriptions for the church of 1786; while Captain

*Born in 1844 in New York city, and educated at Trinity School. He pursued his theological studies under the direction of his father, the well known Ralph Hoyt of former years. After his ordination he took charge of the parish at Teneffly, N. J., and then of Holy Trinity parish, Jersey City. He spent not quite one year in Norwalk; and died in Illinois, July 19, 1886.

†Yale graduate; Studied divinity at Berkeley; ordained to the Diaconate in 1883. He married a daughter of Mrs. Henry Bailey, of Norwalk, and is now rector of the parish at Warehouse Point, Conn.

‡Nashota graduate.

§Upon the decease, in 1879, of the Rev. William Cooper Mead, D. D. LL. D., the writer, who had been Dr. Mead's personal assistant since March, 1865, took temporary care of the parish, and was elected rector in Feb., 1881, in which office he served until his resignation at Easter, 1883.

Stephen Betts,* the Nehemiah of the day, who resisted Tryon's† 2,000 men when they landed at Compo, and helped General Samuel H. Parsons, of Lyme, Connecticut, drive the small army to their boats after they had fired Norwalk,‡ and yet diligently read out of

*Capt. Stephen Betts's military record is worthy of preservation in our national historical cabinet. He was hardly out of his teens before he was found in the vicinity of Lexington and its battle-ground. He was one of those who helped expend, at Bunker Hill, the twenty-seven half-barrels of powder, the stock of munition in that line, and at that time of the Continental Army; and he did not leave Massachusetts until the British embarked under Howe, and made their adieu to Boston. From thence he went to New Jersey, and was present in the town of Trenton when, on the day after Christmas, 1776, nearly a thousand of the enemy "threw down their arms and begged for mercy." Six days after, on the first morning of the new year, he entered Princeton and helped achieve the victory that day, and there received the title of "Captain." In 1778 he fought at Monmouth, but the dawn of July 11, 1779, found him at *home*. The first Norwalk victim fell, it is related, near the hill north-east of the Hammersley place, over which one of St. Paul's vestrymen had just passed on an errand of mercy, only, however, to be seized on the next hill beyond and carried to one of King George's boats anchored off Fitch's Point. Capt. Betts was wide awake, but (Gen. Parsons' command did not arrive until later in the morning) Tryon overpowered him, and in the Secretary of State's office, Hartford, is filed an affidavit made before Thaddeus Betts to this effect: "Capt. Stephen Betts in ye Continental service, personally appeared and made solemn oath, that on ye 11th inst., while ye enemy invaded Norwalk, he, with about fifty Continental troops and some militia, engaged a superior number of the enemy, which obliged them to give way to an unequal force.—*Fairfield County, Norwalk, July 26, 1779.*"

The captain was at Yorktown in September and October, 1781, where it was permitted him to witness, on the afternoon of the 19th of the latter month, the surrender to Gen. Washington of seventy-two hundred and forty-seven of the enemy's men, and the close of the revolutionary war.—*See Huntington for confirmation of portion of foregoing.*

After life's warfare this old soldier of the State and the Church sleeps beside his kindred, at the foot of one of New Canaan's commanding ridges, under a mound, at the head of which is planted a plain marble stone with this simple lettering:

In
Memory of
STEPHEN BETTS
who died
Nov. 28, 1832,
Aged 76 years.

On the one hundredth anniversary of the burning of Norwalk, his tomb was decorated with the national colors and garlanded with flowers. His wife (Miss Ruth Church) survived him several years, living in New Canaan, where she is now buried. He had one sister, Miss Ann Betts.

†General William Tryon, of the British Army. He was a terror to the Connecticut Indians, and their designation of him was, *The Big Wolf*. It is said, however, that, notwithstanding his daring, the general lived under the constant dread of death, to which fact one historian seems to attribute the escape of Stamford from conflagration. This possibly is mere fancy; but after the arrival of Gen. Parsons at the coast on the morning of the burning of Norwalk, Tryon evidently hastened his departure, by the "Camilla" and "Scorpion," to Long Island.

‡Governor Trumbull, who was one of General Washington's bosom friends, was actively interested for the Norwalk people. Three days previous to the burning, he, by special express, had dispatched orders to Gen. Wolcott, then in the north-western part of the state, to hasten to the shore; and while the town was in flames directions were being issued to the commandant of New London "*to go forward to Norwalk.*" It was too late; but General Parsons had been sent hither from the Hudson Highlands by Washington himself. There was some delay in the march, and when the advancing Parsons' sky-blue standard (each regiment had a standard of a particular color: Wooster's, yellow; Putnam's, scarlet; Parsons', azure) was discerned, as it was borne over our western or north-western hills, the work of Norwalk's destruction had already begun. Gen. Wolcott had arrived, and the forces of both these

his commentary* to his family, and was lay assistant in the little church which stood in the street a few furlongs northwest of the present St. Mark's, New Canaan, sent his portion also. And these same men, as soon as the plans for the new and permanent church could be matured, came at once to the front. The subscription roll for the edifice which this day recalls, amounted to the commendable sum of £1,095 11s 3d, pledged for building and for pews. John Cannon, and Thomas Belden together, subscribed £100 and over; Goold Hoyt, Ebenezer Church and Jonathan Camp, over £100; Isaac Isaacs, John Belden, Isaac Camp, David Nash, Eliakim Warren, Daniel Nash, Samuel White, Stephen Betts, Richard Camp, Matthew Reed, Nehemiah Hanford, over £200. Reuben Mott, Benjamin Marvin, Esaias Bouton, Nathan Jarvis, Peter White, Mrs. Ogilvie, Mr. Phillips,† Lemuel Brooks,‡ Paul Taylor, Nathaniel Street, John Cannon, Jr., the Messrs. Rogers, Hezekiah Jarvis, Hezekiah Belden, Samuel Belden, Jacob Jennings, Benjamin Isaacs, Stephen Kellogg and David Lambert, over £300; and among the others, Stephen Marvin,§ (whose laudable ambition led him to fell and hew and draw the first stick of timber for the first consecrated church, drawn in all probability from Mr. Marvin's splendid timber patch, known in earlier times as Indian Field Hill,|| and on which tract a considerable portion of the timber in the parsonage to-day grew,) grandfather of Stephen and Merwin

officers were joined at "the rocks." Fire was opened upon the British who were massing near Grumman's Hill. The enemy had landed (some of them, seemingly, as early as the evening before,) in two divisions: A portion of them, under Tryon, at Fitch's Point, on the east side of the river, and the remainder, under General Garth, at "Old Well," on the west side of the river. The two wings came together, somewhat after nine o'clock, a. m., at Grumman's Hill, and Tryon at once dispatched a company to resist the Continentals and militia. The hostile forces met in France street; shots were exchanged, and although, according to Captain Stephen Betts' statement, Tryon was master of the field, yet a retreat was ordered, and by noon the invaders were on their way to Fitch's Point, and a little later to Long Island. It is a significant fact that no sooner had Tryon re-crossed the Sound than he was recalled by Sir Henry Clinton, to New York, where he apologized for his conduct at Norwalk, etc.

N. B.—General Parsons' non-arrival until the morning of the conflagration is disputed. It is claimed that he was here a day or two before the burning.

*The old Betts commentary is kept as companion-piece to the old Tryon chair.

†A descendant, it is probable, of Hon. Frederick Phillips, second lord of the manor of Phillipsborough, and founder of St. John's Church, Yonkers, New York, whose grandson, Frederick, was, nearly one hundred years since, proprietor of the Philipstown estate (opposite West Point), Putnam county, New York. This second Fredericks' daughter-in-law married, after the decease of her first husband, an Ogilvie. Mrs. Ogilvie gave somewhat over one hundred dollars, and Mr. Phillips about seventy-five dollars for the church of 1786.

‡Captain Lemuel Brooks lived at *the village*, so-called, somewhat below South Norwalk. He married a Raymond. His sister married Phineas Miller, M. D., a physician in early days in the place. A daughter of Dr. Miller, Miss Mary Ann Miller, of New Haven, crowned with years, still survives.

§Buried in the rear of St. Paul's church.

||A little north of the line of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, and near the boundary line between Norwalk and Westport.

Raymond, dead, and Josiah and Marvin, living, gave and subscribed freely; and so did John Platt, one of the carpenters of the new church, who lived near Mr. Marvin's, on the borders of Saugatuck, and Aaron Keeler,* father-in-law of the late Carmi Lockwood, and who came from the foot of Belden's Hill to church, brought his pounds to the treasury. "God, the best and greatest," as is inscribed

*The Rev. James Keeler, who was the son of Aaron Keeler, was born in Norwalk, April 29, 1787. He was ordained deacon in 1818, and taught, in 1821, the Episcopal Academy in this town. He removed, in 1823, to Wallingford, Connecticut, was rector, in 1828, of St. Andrew's Church, Meriden, and went, in 1835, to Harpersville, Broome County, New York. He died in Janesville, Iowa, in June, 1863. He was a man of ability, and his children also appear to have been possessed of fine qualities of mind. A volume of poems by his daughter, Amelia, was published, in 1860. We borrow, from her "Footprints," one poem entitled: "Reminiscences of Childhood," and her allusion to the *stream* and *rocks* and *woods* and *shades*, will immediately recall to those who are familiar with it, the Winnipauk birth spot:

Flow back, flow back, ye rolling years,
Take back your sorrows, cares, and fears,
And let my spirit rove as free
As once in Childhood's revelry.

I come, I come, my native stream,
My native cot, a welcome theme,
Here once I roved in childish glee,
As now my spirit fancy free.

Yon rugged rocks I fancied high;
Yon woods they seemed to reach the sky;
Yon shades they seem so dark and drear,
They filled my infant mind with fear.

Here is the rock on which we played;
Here are the tiny loaves we made;
Here are my playmates, one and all,
And echo answers to our call.

Oh, vain delusion! false as fair!
E'en now my spirit whispers *where?*
Where is the mother, whose kind hand
So often blessed our little band?

Where are my sisters? Do I dream?
Or have they hid beside the stream?
E'en happy childhood hath no joy
Unmingled with some slight alloy.

Sisters, come back! They answer not:
And vanished is my native cot;
Life, with its cares, appears in view:
My early friends, adieu! adieu!

Miss Keeler died, in 1856, and her last words were "My Saviour, Meet Me." A brother addressed to the bereaved family several stanzas which closed as follows:

Say not "her voice and harp are mute,"
I seem to hear their accents rise,
In unison with angel's lute,
Chanting the chorals of the skies.
"My Saviour, meet me,"—thus she prayed,
And Heaven's portals opened wide,
Her soul on Jesus' breast was stayed,
And borne across the chilling tide.
And when our pilgrimage is o'er,
And earthly cares and trials cease,
She'll meet us on that heavenly shore,
And welcome us to perfect peace.

Sarah, the oldest child of Rev. James Keeler, was a devoted daughter of the church, and while in Connecticut was intimate in the family of Bishop Brownell. She was, in reality, the founder, in years gone by, of the mission in West Norwalk.

on this chancel-pane memorial to two of these old parishioners, "to Him be highest praise;" but honor also, to the fathers of a century ago. They are no more, and their places know them no longer, still they served the church long and they served it well. They were charged with the difficult task of maintaining their faith against the attacks of prejudice, and at a period when peril was imminent; but they stood their ground, believing in the omnipotence of truth, and that time would right all wrongs. Brave people; great principles make a great and brave people. Brave fathers, next to God ye have claim to-day to the foremost rank in our affections. We speak for you, you of the silent throng. Your very graves around us appeal strongly to our veneration.* Departed sires, ye have a place in the recesses of our hearts, and your deeds are worthy of imitation.

The first mention in our parish records is of one of the founders of a family of distinguished name in the American church. On May 11th, 1741, William Jarvis was chosen society's clerk, and was the same month sworn to the faithful discharge of his said office, "before Captain Samuel Hanford, one of George II. justices of the peace." The Jarvises were true and loyal to St. Paul's. Their antecedents and their genuine attitude with reference to the church justify the remark. There were several of them, and the registry of their doings fills a deep page in our parish history. William, the first, was for seventeen years clerk, which is sufficient evidence of his appreciation by his cotemporaries. To Samuel, his brother, as is supposed, was committed an important trust. Nathan was the first recorded treasurer of the parish. Noah, of generous emotions and patriotic principles, and across whose life even in age sparkled the silver ripple of happy humor, was choir-master at the age of twenty-four; and Hezekiah was in office over fifty years. This youngest brother of Bishop Jarvis, was possessed of qualities which will live and be admired as long as virtue is cultivated and purity

*It used to be said that the dust of no clergyman is mingled with the dead in St. Paul's yard, and, until 1879, this was true. Still the old acre had for many years urned the ashes of the father of one bishop, and the wife of another, and the nephew of another, while in the north-east corner lie the remains of the parents of one in the second grade of the ministry, and in the south-east corner those of still another, and in other portions the wife and daughter of one, and the wife of another clergyman repose. The remains of the Rev. Dr. Mead lie in front of the present church. He built a tomb adjoining to, and as a part of, one built by his much prized friend, one of the lofty-spirited men of the past, James Moody Hoyt, deceased, and a few feet from him is interred the body of another, who also was of a superior worth, his dear and valued friend, Rev. John Purves. Near the north gate of the churchyard is buried the mother of one of this country's bible historians, and near the south gate is the "Stranger's grave," a grave in which rests one of good birth, and although of troubled term of days while here, yet a faithful character; north of the chancel is a stone, the marking upon which suggests two families of ancient name in this country.

prized. His loftiness of walk assigned to him a sort of pre-eminence, while his ceaseless regard for the weal of the parish, is a claim upon its never-ceasing gratitude; and the fifteen consecutive years' vestryship of his son Samuel certifies to his zeal in the work of the church. These were men of christian dignity and integrity of character, and their fame is an enviable one.*

Another name upon our records is that of the successor in office of Mr. Jarvis, John Cannon, Jr. His father, John Cannon, Sr.,† known at that day as Commodore Cannon, was a prominent parishioner of Dr. Leaming. He did a large business with the West Indies, and his means and influence were employed in our aid. He lived on the grounds now occupied by Col. F. St. John Lockwood, and the old Cannon well is still, or was until recently, shown. His name is at the head of the subscription for the church the anniversary of the consecration of which we are this day observing; and his own subscription, and that of his neighbor, Thomas Belden, which were of equal amounts, were the largest. His son, the clerk, was, in 1786, elected vestryman also, which position he, with three

* The family of Gervias, Jarveis, or, as anglicised, Jarvis, is evidently of continental origin, and of highly respectable antiquity. It is traced back to about the time of William the Conqueror, and has been honorably prominent in the history of different powers. Those of the name in this country, and there are many such, seem to be of English extraction. Their fathers may or may not have been among the Hon. James G. Blaine's estimated 20,000 emigrants, from Old to New England, during the second and third and fourth decades of the Seventeenth Century, but they were found in this land as early as 1623, and again in 1630. The name does not appear in Norwalk until about a hundred years later, and it appears upon the court records, at Hartford, about the time that it is found in the town records here. As far as the parish registration is concerned, William Jarvis, son, it is thought, of William, Sr., of Huntington, L. I., and hence, uncle of Bishop Jarvis, has the first mention. One hundred and forty-eight years ago, forty-two churchmen—ALL the male members (over sixteen years of age), of the Church of England, in this town, united with their brethren in other portions of Connecticut, in a petition to the general assembly, and among the forty-two are found three of the Jarvis patronymic, Samuel, (father of the bishop) who is buried in St. Paul's yard; and his son, Samuel, who is buried in Trinity Church yard, New York; and his brother (?) William, born, in 1696, and first parish clerk. From these have descended the following living communicants of St. Paul's.

MRS. ELIZABETH MCLEAN,
MISS EMILY PINCKNEY,
MISS MARY JARVIS,
CHARLES F. OSBORN,

CLARENCE F. OSBORN,
JOSIAH KELLOGG,
WILLIAM M. KELLOGG,
G. WILLIS WHITE.

The names of the forty-two original members of the Church of England, in Norwalk, (1738) will be found in the appendix.

† Called "Commodore," was grand-son of the John Cannon, who was a merchant in New York about two centuries ago, and who, in September, 1697, married Maria, daughter of Peter LeGrand, another old merchant, who lived in Whitehall street, near the then famous and fashionable Battery Park, and close by Bowling Green, where the leaden statue of George III was afterward erected. (This statue was thrown down, in 1770, by a mob, cut into fragments, and of these a large portion was shipped, by sloop, to Norwalk, where they still remain.) The Commodore's father was Peter Cannon, and his mother was a Schermerhorn. At the age of twenty-five he married Esther Perry, of Fairfield, aunt to the father of Dr. Samuel Perry, who died, in 1817. His own residence stood just south of Grumman's Hill, and his son Samuel's at the top of Mill Hill. His son James built the house which his (James's) grand-daughter, Mrs. Jonathan Camp, now occupies, and his son John, (John, Jr.,

others, held at the ceremonies that year.* John, Jr., was the brother of Samuel Cannon, who was a leading member of this parish, and vestrymen from 1809 to 1817, and afterward warden, and who died suddenly in his stately residence,† the same which to-day so handsomely crowns Mill Hill.‡

Hezekiah Belden was John Cannon, Jr.'s successor; and the Belden family has been one of the foremost families of St. Paul's. The first of the name to appear upon the register is Samuel. He lived in Wilton, but was in 1742 chosen to solicit donations of materials for the church of 1743. He is the earliest named moderator upon the records. His brother John has second mention. John and Samuel Belden, and Jonathan Camp, and Capt. Joseph Ketchum were the society's committee for carrying on, from commencement to completion, the church which was burned in 1779. Of the two other brothers, Hezekiah was clerk for eight years, and Thomas a very pillar of the parish. The meeting at which it was proposed to build anew, after the disaster in 1779, and which voted to call the Rev. Dr. Dibble, was held at his house, which, through the instrumentality of his housekeeper,§ was one of the number saved from burning, and which stood upon the corner which was for so many years the home of one of Norwalk's most respected and

the temporary parish clerk,) built where Mr. Charles C. Betts resides. There were three other houses of this or like architecture in the vicinity. The St. John, afterwards Sherry House, and the Dr. Knight House in the upper part of Knight street, and the Jonathan Fitch House, Down Town; at the raising of one of these, the John Cannon, Jr., House, a serious accident befell.

Commodore Cannon died on Thursday, February 17, 1796, aged seventy-one, and is buried in the Cannon vault, in St. Paul's yard. He was great-grandfather to several of the communicants, in 1886, of St. Paul's church, Norwalk, and St. Paul's, Troy, and to the present LeGrand Bouton Cannon, (a pupil formerly of Dr. Sherwood,) of New York. The silver tea service which belonged to him, and which was secreted in the chimney of his house, on East avenue, during its burning, in 1779, has been preserved in part, and pieces of it are held by different descendants; the tea-pourer being the property of Mr. LeGrand Cannon Betts, and the cream pitcher of his cousin, the daughter of Mr. Charles Ogilvie Cannon Betts, and a large bowl of Mr. James LeGrand Cannon, of Westport.

The Perry family, into which Commodore Cannon married, lived near the "Fairfield Green," just east of the present Probate Building. The Perrys and Buckleys and Jenningses, old Fairfield and Southport families, were very intimate, if not closely related, one hundred and thirty or so years ago.

*Another grandson of the original John Cannon, LeGrand, born in 1733 and buried, in Stratford, in 1789, was the great-grand-parent of Miss Harriet Starr Cannon, at the present time Mother Superior of the Sisterhood of St. Mary, New York. Miss Harriet S. Cannon has been, until recently, the custodian of the Cannon bible.

†His mother, Mrs. "Commodore" (Esther Perry,) Cannon, died in the same house and in the same room also, that her son, Samuel, died in.

‡Col. Buckingham Lockwood, in 1823-4, purchased this residence of the heirs of Samuel Cannon.

§Miss Azubia Hitchcock.

notable residents, His Excellency, Clark Bissell, formerly governor of Connecticut.*

Thomas Belden was warden for a period of at least twenty-five years, and until his death in 1806. The next of the family whose names are upon the journal are Isaac and Henry, the sons of John. Isaac, the father-in-law of the Rev. Mr. Somers,[†] and Lewis O. Wilson, Esq., filled office, and Henry was vestryman for nineteen years, and a lay delegate at different times to the diocesan convention, and one of the committee appointed, in 1806, to contract for and superintend the building of the new parsonage, and, in 1807, to appear before the General Assembly of the state to petition for redress from the Connecticut Turnpike Company for encroachment upon church territory.

The Belden witness would be incomplete without tribute to some of the descendents of the family. John Belden's oldest child's name is to be most regardfully pronounced. Mary Esther Belden, afterward Mrs. William St. John, was one of the best of Norwalk women, and her attachment to this parish has probably never been exceeded. She lived, from her marriage, in 1777, until her peaceful death, in 1850, at the age of ninety-seven, under the graceful elms which her husband had planted, and which to-day form the arching frontage of what is known as the Morgan property ; and her children (William, Stephen Buckingham, Mrs. Bush, and Hooker), were well-known citizens ; while the places of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. William St. John, Jr., and of Mrs. William St. John Jr.'s three daughters, Mrs. Munson Hoyt, Mrs. Charles Sherry, and Mrs. Francis Skiddy,[‡] of New York, the first person in this place baptised by the revered Kemper, it will be difficult if not impossible ever to fill. These sisters, and their mother and grandmother, were

*A site which may fairly be pronounced Academic. Upon these grounds and under the direction of successive rectors of St. Paul's Church, a number of our older students have, since Thomas Belden's day, read the compositions of the best masters of the literature of Greece and Rome.

[†]The Rev. Mr. Somers officiated in St. Mark's parish, New Canaan, for several months during 1827-8.

[‡]At the re-opening of the Church, October 26, 1867, (Rev. Dr. Mead's seventy-third birthday,) after the chancel and other alterations had been made, the silver alms basin, now in use, was presented to the church by Mrs. Sarah L. Skiddy. It may be added that the Gothic Eagle lectern, which, on the first anniversary of the decease of Dr. Mead, July 17, 1880, was dedicated to his memory and placed in front of the chancel, was a contribution, in the department ecclesiastical, to the World's Exposition, held in Philadelphia, in 1876, in honor of the completion of the first century of the United States ; and also that the font of white marble, which stands to the right of the lectern, was presented to the parish on the second anniversary of the decease of Dr. Mead, by Miss Jane Maria Mead, in memory of her father and mother ; while the walnut pulpit, on the east side of the chancel, is a memorial to Theodore E. Smith, vestryman, who lived and died in the apostolic faith which he loved.

of lovely character in life, and left very beautiful memories behind them at death.

To Henry Belden's two daughters, the estimable Margaret and Amelia, the St. Paul's of to-day is debtor. The keynote of their lives sounded clearly out at the close, and their marked devotion and beneficence are a hallowed "In Memoriam."*

Another early name is that of Nash. Nathan Nash was one of the first wardens of the parish. Micajah Nash was the grandfather of Dennis and of the Daniel Nash nearest our own day, and himself,

The brass chancel rail, of high excellence, which, during the first year of the incumbency of the present rector, was made to take the place of the rail built in 1841, and re-laid, in 1867, was the donation of Mr. Charles E. St. John, in memory of his wife, Mrs. Susan (Sherry) St. John, daughter of Charles and Susan (St. John) Sherry, deceased.

Besides these, there is a Memorial Scholarship Fund, which now amounts to several hundred dollars, and which is named for a communicant of the parish, and beloved teacher in the Sunday school, whose life is not measured so much by the number of years he lived, as by "the good work, well done," which he fulfilled; the late Alfred Jackson.

* Belding, (now Belden) is an ancient New England name. The original Norwalk Beldens were John and Samuel, sons of John, of Wethersfield. The date of their arrival in this place is uncertain, but they were here in 1673. John fought in the Indian War, was made sergeant, and, later, lieutenant, and was a "merchant," of Norwalk, in 1710. He married Ruth, daughter of Samuel Hayes, and sister of the Isaac Hayes, who married Elizabeth Sherwood, of Fairfield.

Neither John nor Samuel Belden seems to have had house lots assigned to them. When the first home lots were laid out they were not upon the spot. John died about 1712-13, leaving two sons, John, Jr. and Samuel, 2d., and a widow who afterwards married John Copp, the town clerk. Samuel, 1st., had landed possessions in different localities, but the inference is that he was unmarried. He left his house, lot, orchard, etc., to his "kinsman and nephew," Samuel "son of his deceased brother, John," and in the event of Samuel's death before reaching "twenty and one" years of age, everything was to go to his other nephew, John.

Samuel, 2d., was the future chairman of the first meeting, of which we have record, held in the parish; and his brother, John, who, in 1728, married a daughter of Captain John Hill, of Rhode Island, was the father of THOMAS BELDEN, who was born, in 1731, and was a bachelor, and justice of the peace, and church warden, and representative for twelve years in the General Assembly; and of HEZEKIAH, also a bachelor, and parish clerk from 1781 to 1788; and of SAMUEL, who was born in Norwalk, but lived in Wilton, and there aided the church, and married the sister of David Lambert, Jr., (the children of whom were Hezekiah, William, Samuel, and Thomas) and of JOHN, who, married Rebecca, daughter of John Bartlett, and whose children were John, Jr., who was unmarried, and Mary Esther, who married William St. John, Sr., and Isaac, who married Esther Reed and Amos, who married an Isaacs and who removed to Putnam County, New York, and Sarah, who married Samuel Cannon, and Henry, who married a sister of Gould Hoyt.

Mrs. Mary Esther (Belden) St. John's children are referred to in the address, and also the children of Isaac Belden. Amos Belden had eleven children: (The last one living, Sarah, (Mrs. William Mitchell, now resides, at ninety years of age, in Texas,) and Henry Belden had one son, John, (brother to Margaret and Amelia), who died young.

Thomas Belden, warden, built the Belden vault, in the church yard.

The Norwalk Hayeses were the ancestors of John Lewis, of Washington, D. C., who was a successful Wall street operator, an author and one of the founders of the New York City Free Academy. In 1840 he gave ten thousand dollars to the schools of the town, in Westchester County, which bears his name, and was preparing to build a new St. Paul's church, Lewisboro, New York, when he was removed by death, on Sunday afternoon, October 1, 1871.

† Barber writes that the first English child, born in New England, bore the name of White. The first English child born in Norwalk, bore, it is stated, the name of Nash. Edward Nash settled in Norwalk two years after its purchase,

and son, and grandsons, have been connected with the vestry, and on Easter Monday last his great-great-grandson was made a member of the same body. He was chosen, in 1754, to "time the psalm and give the pitch," and the old instrument which he used in this choir one hundred and thirty years ago is in existence to-day. He lies a few feet from this chancel. His grandson, Daniel, who died in 1865, belonged to St. Paul's until the formation, in 1833, in Westport, of Christ Church parish, so named by Dr. Kemper, and it appears from a roll, kept by Dr. Kemper, that of his thirty-four Westport communicants, nearly half the number bore the name of Nash. The story of the lives of Micajah, of 1754, and of Daniel, of 1792, and Daniel, Jr., of 1821, and Dennis, for sixteen years vestryman, is the story of stability and worth—of patience and perseverance combined with unimpeachable honesty. Mention may here be made of the grateful circumstance that, since the days of the burning, three direct descendants of the vestrymen of St. Paul's have themselves built as many temples to the honor of God. We refer to the Church of the Good Shepherd, Hartford,* and the Church of the Holy Cross, Troy, New York,† and the new Christ Church, Westport.‡ While those who have gone from us—five daughters—have each of them a parish church, two in Westport, one in New Canaan, one in Wilton, and one in South Norwalk. And all of them are here represented to-day through their earnest-spirited rectors and pastors.§ We attach no importance to the legend as to King George's soldiers and his torch on our church step, but, granting its truth, there have been worse prophets than he.

Jonathan Camp was the head of a family the history of which has largely been a chronicle of deeds for the church. Like his ancestors before and his descendants after him, the Jonathan Camp of a century ago was not of the fearing and trembling, but of the un-

from the Indians, by Roger Ludlow and Edward's son, John, is the child referred to. This John Nash had a son, John, who was born on Christmas day, 1688, which John was the father of Micajah, chorister in 1754, and Micajah was the grandfather of Daniel, who was father of the present Messrs. Edward H. and Andrew C. Nash, of Westport, and their deceased sisters, Julia Ann (Mrs. Joseph Wood) and Hannah (Mrs. Ezra Morgan, of Newtown.)

* Built by Mrs. Elizabeth H. Colt.

† Built by Mrs. Nathan Warren.

‡ Built mainly by Messrs. Edward H. and Andrew C. Nash.

§ Since the reading of this paper and as it is about to be sent to press, one of these clergymen, after twenty-six years' arduous and self-unspairing rectorship, has departed this life.

The Rev. John Robinson Williams, rector, from 1860 to 1886, of Christ Church, Westport, was a sterling character. Sound, solid, sincere, patient, prudent, of strict honor and honesty, of great goodness of heart, and one who could be implicitly trusted, his example is a pattern, and his memory a blessed one. He died on Tuesday morning, October 26, 1886.

flinching type of churchmanship, and a staunch supporter of the parish. He was a practical man, and a man of principle, and contributed of his means, and brought material from his farm, and did and kept on doing as a matter of course. A hundred years ago last month he was appointed to office, and his son, Jonathan, in 1818, to the wardenship, and his grandson, Jonathan, Jr., in 1825, to the vestry, and, in 1868, to the upper office. The late bearer of the name enjoyed the family traditions, stood ready to assist the church at home, and rejoiced to learn of its progress abroad. The closing years of his usefulness were signalized by efforts for the permanent establishment of the church in South Norwalk.*

Goold Hoyt is another name which adorns our parish page. He is introduced as leading, in 1780, in a subscription for the building fund of that year. He was elected church warden, in 1781, and himself and Thomas Belden, together, held the position until the death of Mr. Hoyt, in 1803, during fourteen years of which time he was society's clerk also, and it is doing no injustice to his contemporaries to dedicate to him a mention which his intelligent interest in our welfare has caused him richly to merit. The parish could have made choice of no truer and more capable man than Goold Hoyt to fill its highest lay offices. His term of office embraced the period covered by the administrations of Drs. Dibble and Bowden, and Revs. Foot and George Ogilvie, and Dr. William Smith, and the beginning of the rectorship of Rev. Henry Whitlock. He united with Thomas Belden in a letter to Bishop Seabury, acquainting the latter of the call, on the part of the parish, to the Rev. Mr. Ogilvie, and he records the adoption, in April, 1793, by the parish, of the "Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Connecticut, as agreed upon by the clerical and lay delegates in convention at New Haven, June 6th, 1792." Mr. Hoyt was the father of the late Goold Hoyt, Esq., of New York, whose generous legacy to it is very justly acknowledged, by the parish, upon the inscribed marble before the front of this edifice, and also of Ebenezer Dimon Hoyt, father of the late Munson and Edwin Hoyt, and of the surviving Mrs. Charles Hoyt and Mrs. John Cleveland. Mr. Ebenezer D. Hoyt appears upon the parish record first, in 1813. His name is often repeated, and was not dropped until his death, in 1824. He was a worthy son, and is thought of with pleasure. The venerable James Moody Hoyt,

* With his son Jonathan, of New Jersey, he took great pleasure in surveying and laying out the lot for Trinity Church and parsonage, South Norwalk.

vestryman, in 1854, was cousin, and the late James A. Hoyt, second cousin of the first Goold Hoyt.*

Ebenezer Church, Sr., was a marked man of the parish century just completed, as was his son, Ebenezer, who had evidently been carefully educated churchwise, and educated under the conviction that to be a thorough churchman one must first know. Ebenezer, Jr., was a reader, as were his three brothers, Josiah, Isaac and John, and his sister, Betsey, of commendable deeds. Our old people were not altogether ignorant as to old authors and authorities. There are volumes of very clever theology which are bethumbed, and worn, and for the contents of which their owners, such as Stephen Betts, for instance, and Hezekiah Jarvis, and this same Ebenezer Church, seem to have been thirsty.† These men, we repeat, read. Their belief was not a matter of liking; it was their judgment—their enlightened and consummate judgment that the truth lay in the creeds and articles of the church of which they were members; and no parish could be weak with such an element in it. So great was his reverence for the Word of God that it was the practice, with Josiah Church, to rise in his pew and remain standing while the scripture lessons were being read.

The Isaacs name covers quite a page of our history. Ralph Isaacs was a very early elected parish warden. He was one of nine who gave £20 each for the purpose of meeting the expense incurred in plastering, in 1749, the church which was burned, in 1779. He advanced the funds for the building of the first parsonage, and was the largest of several contributors and subscribers

*Goold Hoyt, Sr., built the comfortable Edwin Hoyt house and occupied it immediately after his marriage to Miss Elizabeth Dimon, of Fairfield. Mrs. Hoyt, in 1779, herself petitioned one of Tryon's aids that he would interpose his authority and save the house from burning. Her petition prevailed, and the generous lady asked that her neighbor's house on the right hand corner above, (formerly the Jennings, now the McClure property) might also be spared, which, it is said, was done. Goold Hoyt's five children were: Thomas, born, in 1767, who built what was afterward known as the Henry Belden house; and Goold, born, in 1769, who removed to New York City; and Esther, born, in 1773, who married Henry Belden; and Ebenezer D., born, in 1776; who married Miss Huldah Hanford, and for whom was built the commodious Charles E. St. John house; and Munson, born, in 1781, who lived in New York, and was one of the most skilled and accurate accountants of his day.

Isaac Hoyt, the father of the late Charles Hoyt, Esq., and of Mary, the mother of General William T. Sherman, one of the first soldiers of modern times, and of the Hon. John Sherman, United States Senator, lived in South Norwalk, in the house, still standing, on the line of the street, the first dwelling west of the grounds of the late A. E. Beard. Miss Mary Hoyt, daughter of Isaac Hoyt, married Charles R. Sherman, whose home was the Nathan Beers site on Main street. Charles R. Sherman was son of Taylor Sherman, a Norwalk lawyer, who is buried on Town House Hill.

†The favorite reading of one of the Church brothers was Bishop Horne on the Psalms. It was the practice of another former member of St. Paul's, to take two candles with her, when she retired, that when the first was burned out the second might be lighted, and the reading continued.

for the benefit of the church from 1757 to 1759. He lived on the east side of upper East Avenue, at the foot of the north slope of Grumman's Hill, and built for one of his children the Isaacs house, an interesting relic to the lovers of historical truth, which has recently been removed.* His son, Captain Benjamin, the

*This house was a landmark. It was a last century structure, with chimney of "Tubor-bulk," and spacious hearths, which the ruddy fire had for generations lighted up; and the substantial edifice, with its rear "kitchen" and adjoining orchard, and green lawns, and garden grounds, and native shrubbery, and grass-imbedded stepping-stones, and paths, bordered with old fashioned "box," was a picture of ancient and aristocratic comfort; and although a pretentious temple set apart to human benevolence, has supplanted it, still it is regretfully admitted that the ancestral mansion is numbered among the things that were.

The Isaacs (Benjamin and Charles) families, were the last of Dr. Kemper's parishioners on the east side of West avenue, until was reached the house in South Norwalk, in which the Rev. Melancthon Hoyt (brother-in-law of the Rev. B. M. Yarrington, of Greenwich, and pioneer missionary of our church in the west,) was born. This house stood nearly opposite the present store of F. H. Nash. About the only dwellings, in 1832, between these limits, and on that side of the street, were the James and Deborah Keeler houses (near the dwellings of the late Lewis Curtis and Mrs. Matilda Keeler,) and "the old red house," and a small cabin (both of them a few rods south of Mrs. Deborah Keeler's) and the house of Mr. James Benedict (which stood a few feet back of the present gateway to Mrs. Charles D. Matthew's residence), and Mr. James Seymour's house (not far from the midway point in Mrs. Matthews' street line) and the Hotchkiss House (somewhat south of James Seymours), and Uriah Seymour's (still standing), and Mr. William Wood's house, and the Taylor house, (where General Washington dined, and where a little child from the Woods' house came and was taken into his arms) and store and postoffice (slightly north of the residence of Mr. J. H. Knapp); some ten dwellings in the place of thirty-nine to-day.

Below the Isaac brothers' property there wound a serpentine foot-path which doubled and trebled in places, and which, after a tortuous course from Chapel to Beatty street corners, and around the nest of small rocks with edges just above ground in front of the Beatty Brothers' yards, and amid the twisting elm-roots further on, and under James Seymour's grateful maple shades, became more regularly defined for the remainder of the way to the upper corner leading to the Pottery dock, and the lower (the Chichester corner) to the steamboat landing.

The old St. Paul's homes on the west side of the same avenue were: John Belden's (afterward Mrs. Eliza Selleck's); and Isaac Belden's (now occupied by C. B. DeKlyn); and the Samuel White house, which faced the Phillips house, and stood on the corner below. The Prospect Hill road diverged at right angles from West avenue and the Whites' house was built on the south corner and fronting north. The topography of this locality was changed by the cutting through of the New York Turnpike. Peter White and his son, Samuel, were intelligently helpful members of St. Paul's. The former married Elizabeth Jarvis, and the latter was great-grandfather of Mr. George Willis White, of St. Paul's to-day.

After the spoliation, in 1779, a number of more ambitious dwellings succeeded to the simpler consumed structures. Among the former were the Lockwood dwellings on Knight street and hill, and the Samuel Cannon and Governor Bissell homes on Town House Hill. [Between the Cannon and Bissell sites, was the anti-revolution residence of the future "Blackstone of America," James Kent, L.L. D., chancellor, the mother of whom dying, in 1770, the son passed (see page forty-four) some time in Norwalk. His father (Moss Kent, Esq.) married again, and resided close by the Westport waters, about opposite the late Burritt grounds]: "The John Cannon, Jr., house, over a parlor mantel of which is a painting (reality or imagination) of lively sensibility, and cleverness of treatment, by, it is believed, the builder of the house: The Ebenezer Hoyt house, and its long ago bird-tenanted lawn: The "Esquire Betts," (later, Edward H. Street) accessible precincts: The senior William St. John's homestead with faultless green in front, and delightful forest patch behind, and quiet stream meandering gracefully through it: The Jun. Wm. St. John's High street hearthstone, which commanded the harbor, and the silver rippled

first occupant of the Isaacs house before spoken of, was a pew holder and although young, was of conspicuous rank in the masonic body, and first master of the lodge in this town. He died, in 1775, and is buried in this yard. He left three sons. His middle son, Benjamin, 2d., was chosen, in 1789, with Amos Belden, to "collect contributions" in the gallery of the new church. His oldest son, Isaac Scudder, subscribed for the temporary church and largely for the new church of 1786. In April, of the latter year Hezekiah Jarvis and himself were appointed choir masters, and were therefore leaders of the music at the consecration that year. Isaac Scudder Isaacs' son, Benjamin, was the well-remembered Judge Isaacs of modern times. He was chosen clerk, in 1815, in which capacity he for thirty years diligently served the parish. He married a daughter of one of the most estimable residents of this place, Dr. Richard Bryan,* whose three daughters, Ann, Maria, and Sophia, of godly remembrance, long survived their parents. The other sons of Isaac S. Isaacs were Charles, vestryman, in 1831,† who died, in 1872, and John, and William (now in Richmond, Va.)

The clerks of the parish since its organization, in 1737, have been: 1737-1741, no record; 1741-1758, William Jarvis; 1758-1780, no record; 1780-1789, Hezekiah Belden; 1789-1803, Goold Hoyt; 1803-1815, Jacob Osborn; 1815-1844, Benjamin Isaacs; 1845-6-7, Richard B. Isaacs; 1848-1855, Thomas B. Warner, Jr.,‡ 1856-1881, Charles T. Leonard; 1881, St. John Merrill.

It will be observed that there is a break in the records from 1758 to 1780. This middle of the eighteenth century was a period during which the colony of Connecticut, with its one hundred and thirty thousand souls,§ among whom were two or so thousand churchmen, was tasting hardship. "In another century Europe will be powerless to embarrass us," taught one of that day and of these parts, but before

sound beyond: The William Jarvis Street house of pleasurable recollection: The Belden (John, Isaac, and Henry) houses: The Phillips (now VanBuren) ample domain on West avenue: The hospitable Jarvis and Bryant houses: "The James Brown mansion:" The Joseph St. John (afterward Lewis Mallory) place: The Grumman house, under the hill, called after its whilom owner: The James Cannon (now Mrs. Jonathan Camp) dwelling, not far from the tomb (so stated,) of some who fell in the France street action of "the battle of Norwalk;" The Isaac's house before alluded to, and the Gregory house mentioned on page fifty-seven. These all were reared before the present picturesque effect turning point in architecture had been reached, still were they goodly abodes; and abodes the careers of the inmates of which have much enriched Norwalk history.

* Dr. Richard S. Bryan, Jr., vestryman, in 1828, removed to Troy, New York, and was one of the most influential and successful practitioners, of the Homœopathic School, in Renesselaer County.

† See note next page.

‡ Died in 1883, in Springfield, Massachusetts, and buried in Norwalk.

§ The census of Connecticut, in 1756, was 128,212 whites; 3,587 colored; and of Norwalk, 2,956 whites; 94 colored.

young Adam's prediction could be accomplished, trouble must befall. It was at such a crisis that Dr. Leaming came to this place; and that there should be paucity of record at that time—is due quite probably, to the disturbed condition of affairs then existing.

With one exception, that of Jacob Osborn, we have made allusion to all of the parish clerks who have gone; and his fidelity deserves at least a passing remark. His painstaking transcript of twelve years' doings, on the part of this society, is evidence of his devotion to the work, and was the price of labor. The care which he exercised, in both composition and chirography, bespeaks the accuracy which seems to have been characteristic of the man. Mr. Osborn was son of Nathan Osborn, of Westchester County, New York, and grandfather of Mr. Charles F. Osborn, for twenty years the faithful treasurer of the parish.

The Parish Wardens since 1737, have been Ralph Isaacs, Samuel Cluckston, James Brown, Nathan Nash, Capt. Joseph Ketchum, Ebenezer Church, William Johnson, Thomas Belden, Goold Hoyt, David Boulton, Hezekiah Jarvis, Daniel Nash, Samuel Bouton, Samuel Cannon, Jonathan Camp, Stephen Mott, David St. John, Joseph W. Hubbell, Eseck Kellogg, Winfield S. Hanford, John H. Smith, Jonathan Camp, Jr., Allen Betts, James Finney and Edward K. Lockwood.

Of these Captain Samuel Cluckston and Joseph Ketchum were founders of St. Paul's. William Johnson was the largest donor, evidently, to the church which was burnt in 1779. Stephen Mott, father of Langdon and Miss Eliza, and father-in-law of Rev. Dr. Humphreys, of Maryland, was held in regard. David St. John, 22 years vestryman and 33 years warden, lived distant from the house of God, but was one of the most punctual attendants upon the means of grace. Joseph W. Hubbell came from Bridgeport, in 1829, and his candor of christian character entitled him to the respect which was paid him. Eseck Kellogg was a safe man, and after 40 years' service as vestryman, earned the higher bestowment. Winfield S. Hanford devised liberally and liberally did; the friends of the church in South Norwalk owe not a little to his generosity.

The vestrymen of the parish from 1737 to 1779 were: Hezekiah Whitney, Ebenezer Church, Amos Manview, Peter

†Charles Isaacs was the only one of the Isaacs name who has been a vestryman of St. Paul's. He was great-grandson of Ralph Isaacs (warden), and through his mother, gr. gr. grandson of Governor Fitch. His wife (Rebecca Fitch Betts) and her brother (Daniel F.), and sisters, Susan, (Mrs. Thomas Benedict, Jr.), Henrietta, (Mrs. Charles Mallory), Harriet, (Mrs. Thomas C. Hanford) and Sarah E., were great grand nephew and neices of the same chief magistrate. Mr. Isaacs was of solid character. He was held in high respect as a public man, and his integrity, and conspicuous good nature, caused him to be much esteemed in private life.

White, Josiah Marvin,* Gideon Kellogg, Jonathan Camp, Nehemiah Rogers, Micajah Nash, Thomas Hanford, David Tuttle,† Edward Nash, Ebenezer Smith, Captain John Cannon,

*The descent of whom appears to be as follows: Josiah Marvin, (chosen a vestryman, in 1754, in which capacity he served with such men as Jonathan Camp, and Nehemiah Rogers, and Micajah Nash, and Thomas Hanford, and David Tuttle,) was the son of Samuel, who was son of Matthew, Jr., who was son of Matthew, Sr., or the father of the Norwalk family, and one of the two fathers of the American family of that name. The original Marvins were two brothers, Reynold and Matthews, and one sister, Elizabeth. Matthew, brother of Reynolds and Elizabeth, was thirty-five years old when he came to this country, and fifty-one when he came to Norwalk. He went first to Hartford, of which place he was one of the settlers, and in which city he was a surveyor, residing on the corner of the old "Village" and "Front" streets. His son, Matthew, who was now twenty-four years old, accompanied his father to Norwalk: they occupied adjoining home-lots, the father close by the present house of H. M. Prowitt, Esq., and facing East avenue, and the son backing upon his father's lot, fronting the south, and bounded in that direction by the present street running west from East avenue, and just north of the Consolidated Railroad. This street was a part of the ancient mail-coach route between Stamford and Fairfield. The Marvins came from the same country as the Fitches, and father and son lived in Norwalk about the same length of time. Matthew, Sr., died somewhere between 1680 and 1790, it is thought about 1687, and his son died in 1691. Among Matthew, Sr's., brother Reinold's (or Reynold's) descendants are: Gen. Elisha Marvin, and Judges Richard P. and William Marvin, and Congressman Dudley Marvin; and from Matthew are traced the honored Norwalk, and Wilton, and Westport families of the Marvins. Matthew Marvin, Jr., had six children, one of whom, Sarah, married Thomas Betts, the ancestor of that branch of the family from which the late George W. Betts, Esq., and the venerable Norwalk sisters, Miss Juliette and Miss Harriet Betts descended, and the youngest child, Samuel, was the father of Josiah, the vestryman, in 1754. Josiah died about the time that the church was burned. He had six sons and four daughters. His sons were Daniel, William, Jared, John (who died in Nova Scotia), Josiah, Jr. (who died on Long Island), and Samuel (see Talcott's New York and New England Families.) Vestryman Josiah Marvin's aunt, Elizabeth, (Matthew, Jr's., daughter), married Joseph Platt, who has the remarkable record of General Assembly representative from Norwalk for *one-half a century*. The occupant of the office for the greatest number of years since the Revolution, was the late Benjamin Isaacs, who represented this town at the state capitol during thirteen sittings of the legislature; the same Benjamin Isaacs (St. Paul's parish clerk from 1815 to 1846), who so possessed the confidence of his fellow townsmen, that he held the office of town clerk during a period of *thirty years*.

Matthew Marvin, Sr., had several children. Four were born abroad. The first one born in America was Abigail, who, on June or January 1st., 1657, married John Bouton, of Norwalk. John Bouton came to this country before he was twenty-one years old, in 1635, and went, after residing in Massachusetts, to Hartford, where he married and had a child or children. He removed from Hartford to Norwalk, in 1651, and, in 1657, married Abigail Marvin, as before stated. To them were born five children, the oldest of whom were sons, John, born Sept. 30, 1659, and Matthew, born Dec. 24, 1661. Matthew, after a time, removed to Danbury, and John remained in Norwalk, married, and had two sons, Jakin and Joseph. Jakin was twice married, had two children by his first wife, and two sons and several daughters by his second wife. His oldest son by his second wife was Esaias Bouton, made a vestryman, in 1792, and who was father of Nathan and Stephen Bouton, of Troy civil and ecclesiastical note and great-grandfather of one of Westport's highly respected residents, and for many years principal practicing physicians, George B. Bouton, M. D.

†He married Mary Reed, oldest daughter of John Reed, of south-western Norwalk. John Reed was an Englishman—one of Cromwell's officers. After residing in different portions of the colonies, he removed to Norwalk, in 1684, and purchased a farm at Five Mile River. His son-in-law, David Tuttle, (vestryman, in 1754), had three sons and four daughters.

Matthew Reed, St. Paul's vestryman, in 1782, and Matthew Reed, the New York city alderman and bank president, of some forty or fifty years ago, and also Mrs. Isaac Belden, and the Wilsons of Belden's Neck, and the Benedicts, and some of the Seymours of South Norwalk, were, and are, the descendants of Vestryman Tuttle's father-in-law, and Vestryman Eliakim Warrens gr. gr. grandfather, John Reed.

Joseph Hitchcox, Jr., John Betts. Jr., Samuel Fitch, Jr.,* Elias Scribner.

Hezekiah Whitney was the first recorded vestryman of this

*The familiar name of Fitch—anciently Ffytche, and in early Norwalk annals, Ffitch, but now Fitch—Samuel, Jr., Lindall, John, Joseph, Platt, Stephen and Bushnell, occurs at different times in the parish records. The branch of the family represented by some of these is historic. Samuel, Jr., who was vestryman as early as 1757, was the nephew of Governor Thomas Fitch, and Lindall, who was a generous donor in 1742 and 1751, and son of Nathaniel, who, in 1742, left a legacy to the parish, was second cousin. As a number of the members of this old colonial family, and several direct descendents of the crown-commissioned governor and his nephew have been attached to St. Paul's and its daughter parishes, the author has borrowed a limb from that section of the family tree, which, as a help to him in tracing its genealogy, he had constructed, and which, for the convenience of any who may be interested in the matter he has caused to be placed at the close of the appendix to this document. Samuel Fitch, Jr., son of Governor Fitch's brother Samuel, and vestryman as early as 1757, married Elizabeth Platt and lived upon the fine eighteenth century Fitch estate, near the property of the Finch Brothers, (1886) on Chestnut Hill. Himself and wife rode regularly to and from St. Paul's, stopping in cold weather at Mrs. Fitch's relatives, on Newtown avenue, to replenish the foot stove with live embers, there being in those primitive days no other fire in the church. The son of Samuel Fitch, Jr., viz.: the Samuel born in 1761, was the father of Joseph Platt Fitch and grandfather of Mr. Sherman Fitch and his sisters who are to-day such active members of St. Matthew's church, Wilton. The Chestnut Hill homestead, a hundred or more years ago, was one of the favorite resorts of Mrs. Nehemiah Rogers, *nee* Miss Elizabeth Fitch, who, after her husband's decease, in 1760, and her subsequent removal from Norwalk, often returned hither. Her own and Mrs. Rogers' relatives were numerous in this town. Her father lived for a number of years after his son-in-law's death. She had a brother on Chestnut Hill, and her daughter, Mrs. Susanna Lambert, resided in great comfort about one mile to the west of Chestnut Hill. Some of our people to-day tell of the arrival, in early times, in Norwalk, and of the call at the doors of the Rogerses, of the Lambert establishment, if not a modern *Tally-Ho*, yet approximating to it, which was quite an event in the place. An eloquent tribute has been paid to the late Mrs. Hannah Fitch Bullard, mother of Gen. Edward Bullard, of Saratoga Springs, and possibly the same might have been said of Mrs. Elizabeth Rogers of a century and a quarter ago, viz.: "A descendant of Sir Thomas Fitch, she inherited the energy and magnanimity as well as the blood and honor of the English nobility." It was Mrs. Rogers' practice to leave with those who had entertained her some souvenir of her visit, as those of her line to-day tell and produce the evidence of. Her portrait, and a fine painting of her daughter Susanna (Mrs. David Lambert, Jr.) grace the walls of the Lambert home in Wilton, in which the clergy of St. Paul's in gone days were so warmly welcomed. The late David Rogers Lambert and his brother Samuel Fitch Lambert in their youth attended school in Norwalk, residing at the Fitch home, down town, now occupied by Mrs. Theodocia Bradley.

Some of the Norwalk kindred of Nehemiah Rogers, whom his widow, Mrs. Elizabeth (Fitch) Rogers visited, have been the progenitors of families of note in America. Her brother-in-law, Dr. Uriah Rogers, Sr., who bought where the brothers James and Alfred Mallory afterward built, was a citizen of high standing. His daughter, Hannah, was the mother of Chancellor Kent, and his granddaughter, Hannah, married into the Zephaniah Platt family, of Plattsburgh, and his cousin, Elizabeth, was the grandmother of Miss Francis M. Calkins, the historian, of New London, Conn. His relative, Betsey, may be remembered from the circumstance of his grandson (Chancellor Kent) visiting and caring for her in Norwalk. His son, Dr. Uriah, Jr., occupied what has since been known as the Betsey Church place, which after Miss Church's death, became the property of St. Paul's parish, and then of the late Reuben Williams, but is now owned by Mr. Edward Merrill, who has within a few years erected a new house upon it. Dr. Rogers, Jr., was a man of promise. He married Elizabeth Raymond, sister of Esther (Mrs. Hezekiah Rogers), and of Mary (Mrs. Isaac Hoyt, General and Senator Sherman's grandmother), and of Hannah (Mrs. Lemuel Brooks, who, as well as the other sisters, were all staunch church women), and he was great-uncle of Judge William Kent, professor in Harvard College Law School, and was a brother of the maternal head of that branch of the Scribner family from which the late Charles Scribner, the senior of the large New York publishing house of Scrib-

parish. He was elected one hundred and thirty-five years ago. His father, Joseph Whitney, owned the Thatcher Mill site on the

ner & Co., sprang, and was also a connection of John Hone, the prominent last century New York merchant, and of William Pinckney Stewart, and of the Lorillards. He was a young man of repute, and his profession was a benign one, but his life was short, and when the circumstances of his conspicuous kinship, and fine attainments, and brief career are recalled, there is seen to be real pathos in his epitaph:

"Beneath this humble stone
lye the remains of
URIAH ROGERS, M.D.
who died Dec. 23,
1776
agd 38
'Sic transit gloria mundi.'"

Before his death he sold his house in lower France street, and after his day its tenant was Roger Minot Sherman, a nephew of Hon. Roger Sherman, one of the Connecticut signers of the Declaration of Independence, and a cousin of Mrs. Martha Day, wife of President Day, of Yale College, and of Rebecca, wife of Hon. Simeon E. Baldwin, and of Mabel, the grandmother of Hon. William M. Evarts, of New York. Taylor Sherman, who practiced law in this town contemporaneously with Roger Minot Sherman, and who was the forefather of some of the distinguished of the land, was not of the same lineage as Roger. There seem to be two lines of the Sherman family in this country. Captain John, great-grandfather of Roger M., married, it is thought, before he came from England. He died in 1690, and left a son Joseph. Joseph had a son William, who was the father of Hon. Roger Sherman, and another son, Josiah, who was the parent of Roger Minot, the Norwalk lawyer. Taylor Sherman, grandfather of Major General William T. Sherman, U. S. A., and of Hon. John Sherman, late Secretary of the Treasury, was a descendant, it is probable, of William Sherman, who came over somewhere about 1630. The family is evidently an ancient one, and of German origin, although it has been represented in England for many hundred years. Taylor Sherman's son, Charles R. Sherman married Miss Mary Hoyt, who belonged to one of the oldest of St. Paul's families. Her mother was a Raymond from South Norwalk, sister-in-law, it may have been observed, of Hon. Hezekiah Rogers, who lived for a time in the old Quigley place, on Main street, but who died in Washington. Major Hezekiah Rogers, who was delegate to the Connecticut convention, held in 1788, which ratified the Constitution of the United States, was another son of Dr. Uriah, Sr., and consequently nephew of Mrs. Elizabeth (Fitch) Rogers, and granduncle of Rev. James Kent Stone, for a number of years past the principal of a monastery in South America, and uncle, by marriage, of the New York Lawrences, who, it may be remembered, resided many years since transiently in Norwalk.

The junior doctor Rogers' wife survived him for sixty years. The doctor sold the France street property before his death, and the widow's home, for a portion of the time since, appears to have been at the foot of the hill near St. Paul's. She is buried at a little distance from her husband, and there is danger of her tomb becoming an uninscribed one from the gradual crumbling of the marble, the record of which is:—"In Memory of Elizabeth, Relict of Doctor Uriah Rogers, who died October 27th, 1836, aged 91 years." Her husband's honored father and mother, Dr. and Mrs. Uriah Rogers, Sr., are buried, the former in Norwalk and the latter in Redding. The doctor has this memorial:

Here lyes interred the body of
DOCT. URIAH ROGERS,
who departed this fleeting scene
on the evening following the 6th day of May,
1773,
In the 63d year of his age.

It was this same physician's son who was the extensively known Dr. David Rogers, of Greenfield Hill, while Dr. David Rogers, 2d., of East Broadway, New York, (uncle of Judge Alfred E. Austin, of Norwalk, and of his sister, the wife of Professor Richardson, of Trinity College, Hartford,) was his grandson; and it was a direct descendant, in the fourth generation from his father, (buried down town,) who was the Captain Moses Rogers, (see Dwight's Rogers' lineage) commander of the first steamship (Savannah, fourteen days by steam, and eight by sail) that crossed to Europe.

One of the Fitch families, from 1700 to 1730, is an unusually interesting subject of contemplation. Thomas and Rachel Fitch presided over it, and, with

corner, now the property of the heirs of the late Joseph W. Hubbell. Mr. Whitney was the uncle of Mrs. Sarah McGriggor, of Main street, who gave twenty-eight thousand dollars to church purposes. His grave is near the south gate of this yard, and his gravestone is thus inscribed: "In memory of Hezekiah Whitney, who departed this life April 30th, 1790, in the 86th year of his age."

Amos Manvow brought of the products of his land, timber, logs and wood, and gave to the church. Peter White dwelt next below the Phillips place, on West avenue, and himself and son,

their four children, Thomas, Samuel, James and Elizabeth, composed it. The father was grandson of the most important proprietor of the place, was throne-appointed notary, and elected selectman of the town, and was not a stranger outside of it. He was addressed as Mr., (Master) which was a colonial title of respect, and he provided that at least one of his sons should receive a complete education. The home was an unbroken one until the decease, in the spring of 1731, of its paternal head, who before he was taken hence, saw his daughter settled in life, and his college boy graduated, and started upon a career which became illustrious, and also beheld several grandchildren who were destined to celebrity. Twenty-nine days before his departure, he had distributed portions to those who were to be left behind, making thoughtful provision for the one about to be widowed, and dividing between the brothers and the daughter that which would conduce to the comfort of both, and intrusting his landed interests to the management of his competent sons, the descent from one of whom, (Thomas, the governor,) is detailed at the conclusion of this volume. His son Samuel was the father of Samuel, Jr., the vestryman of St. Paul's parish in 1757. Samuel, Jr. made choice, for a bride, of a miss in her very teens, but she was a sensible and industrious young woman and made the Chestnut Hill home a happy one. The handed-down narrative of the visits to the couple, by their kin, is pleasing, and the picture of the two coming from such a distance to the old St. Paul's, is instructive. It was from this goodly pair that Mr. Sherman Fitch and his sisters, now of Wilton, have descended. Through Samuel, Sr.'s other sons, Daniel and Jonathan, Mrs. James Mallory, and also the children of the late Mrs. Lucretia Daskam have claim to the Fitch blood. Elizabeth, the only daughter of Samuel, Sr., married Nehemiah Rogers, another vestryman of St. Paul's; and it may be questioned whether, in the whole United States, there can be found a family containing a larger number of prominent (socially and professionally) members than does the family which has Elizabeth Fitch, daughter of Samuel Fitch, Sr., and neice of Governor Thomas Fitch, for its progenitress. James Fitch, the other son of "Thomas Fitch," and brother of Governor Fitch, and of Samuel, Sr., and of Elizabeth (who married Josiah Raymand,) has descendants living in Norwalk. One of these, Miss Susan Fitch, peacefully dwells to day in the lot through which thunders the "lightning train," the old quiet home lot of the Seamores or Seymours.

After the author had gotten well to work upon his Rogers' genealogy, and was bringing the family lines together, his eye ran across the following paragraph from the pen of one whose contributions have considerably aided him: "It is to be hoped that, at some near day, some one will undertake to tell to others, who are specially interested in knowing it, just as it was truly unfolded to view, in its historical aspects of beauty and power of inspiration, and of influence for good upon others, the story of ancestral virtue and excellence, in the full measure of its real worth, in respect to the two kindred lines of Rogerses, of Norwalk, Conn."

That some one, competent so to do, may continue and carry on to completion that which has been by several commenced in this direction, is a consummation to be desired. His summer and autumn work has been a pleasing one to the author, and he looks upon it as a privilege, that he is permitted, by these reminiscences, to plant his sprig of ivy around the memories of so many of these excellent ones, and improves this opportunity to give expression to a practical thought which has every now and then suggested itself to him, during the closing season's efforts, viz.: that action, public or private, be taken, before it is too late, to rescue from obliteration the graven histories in St. Paul's, and the Down Town, and the Town House Hill, and the Pine Island burial grounds.

Samuel, deserve mention. There is good account of help rendered and work done by Josiah Marvin and Gideon Kellogg. Nehemiah Rogers* stands with the very first as to amount subscribed for the church of 1743.

*A stone of slate, which stands in the East Norwalk (Down Town) burial ground, is thus inscribed :

“ Here lyes Buried
The Body of Mr.
NEHEMIAH ROGERS,
who departed this life
May ye 30th 1760 aged
42 years & 12 days.”

and the sleeper beneath was in life a vestryman of St Paul's, and the founder of a family of wide reputation in this land.

James Rogers, 3d, (Capt. James, who was son of James, 2d, navigator, and grandson of the first James of the Rogers family in America) came with certain of his household to Norwalk, from New London, in or about the year 1726. He had fourteen children, and he bought from Ebenezer Keeler some six acres in the lower part of the town, with dwelling house, and barn, and fences, and fruit trees, and *tide mill* thereon standing, paying for the same between fourteen and fifteen hundred dollars. This seems to have been the homestead, but he was quite a land holder outside of this purchase; he was possessed of seven acres of the timber tract in “Indian Field,” (a locality mentioned in the accompanying address), and of a four-acre house-lot, with dwelling and barn, which had belonged to one John Smith, and on May 16, 1727, was deeded to “James Rogers, late of New London, now of Norwalk,” for a consideration of several hundred dollars, the eligible corner on the opposite side of the street, and a little distance north of the present East Norwalk railroad station, while a short time before his death he invested rather largely in *Commonage* land. He was a citizen of Norwalk about seven years, and until his decease in 1733. He appointed Samuel Cluckston (church warden in 1737) one of his executors, and distribution of his will was “performed on March 15, 1739-40,” his son *James* (of New London) being first named by the executors, and afterward his daughter *Mary* (Mrs. Jonathan Chester), and *Esther* (Mrs. John Seabury, of Groton, Conn, the birthplace of Bishop Seabury) and *Uriah*, (Dr. Uriah, of Norwalk, who came hither probably with his father, and who here married Hannah, daughter of James Lockwood and granddaughter of Samuel Smith, evidently the same Samuel Smith who was a heavy, 1687, Commons proprietor, and appointed by the first Thomas Fitch an “Overseer” of his will), and *Jedediah*, and *Nehemiah*, and *Edward*, and *Stephen*, and *Moses*, who, March 24th, 1749, was “supposed to be deceased,” and *Aaron* (who removed to Wethersfield), and *Lemuel*. There were also *Elizabeth*, and *Claron* and *Samuel*, but they did not share, if the record is correct, in the distribution. He instructed his executors, in 1732, to make provision for the education of his four younger children (all of whom at that time were under fourteen), and mentioned a certain amount which he wished expended upon their “bringing up.” His son Nehemiah, who is buried under the stone before spoken of, and to whom this note refers, was a benefactor of St. Paul's, and signalized his adoption into the parish by a donation to it, in 1742, and was himself earnest and helpful, and loaned later of his son's time and effort. He was elected second vestryman in 1754. His brother, Dr. Uriah, a physician of the place and owner of several rolling acres north of St. Paul's, was the grandfather of one of world-wide celebrity in his profession, the eminent jurist, Chancellor James Kent, a portion of whose boyhood was spent in this town. The chancellor's mother, Hannah (Rogers) Kent, died while her son was but a mere lad, but some of our older residents may possibly recall the chancellor's widow (Mrs. Elizabeth [Bailey] Kent), who survived her husband and lived until 1851. She was sister of Gen. Bailey, of the U. S. Senate and the mother-in-law of an eminent clergyman of the church, Dr. John S. Stone, rector of Trinity Church, New Haven, and of St. Paul's, Boston, and finally, Professor of Systematic Divinity in the Theological School at Cambridge, Mass.

Nehemiah, brother of Dr. Uriah and the others, married Elizabeth, daughter of Governor Fitch's brother Samuel. It was from her branch of the family, therefore, and that of her grandfather's cousin Nathaniel, that the Fitch churchmen proceeded. Her father held office under the king and was a large land proprietor. He inherited, by will, the bay view tract which skirts

Thomas Hanford,* presumably the son of Capt. Elnathan, and great-grandson of the first Thomas, who was the first of all the

the harbor to the east of Gregory's Point, and which has of late years been so much improved by Woodbury G. Langdon, Esq. He was also part owner of some of the Norwalk Islands, and had a hundred acres in one piece on Chestnut Hill. One of the Norwalk ante-revolutionary Elizabeth Fitches (there were several of the name) has been called *Queen Elizabeth*, but not one of them, perhaps, more justly merited the title than did Mrs. Elizabeth Fitch Rogers, who, with respect at least to the particulars of honorable family connection, and a notable offspring, was a distinguished character. One traces with gratification the prosperous careers of her sons, Fitch, Moses, Henry and Nehemiah, all old New York brothers and merchants, and with admiration the descent from these. The family is, and has been, one of renown; its ancestress had hardly been called hence ere the lineage embraced the names of many who were already adorning private life, or becoming conspicuous in its public walks. Had a few years more been vouchsafed her, she might have beheld some of her line serving their country at its own capital, or as its ambassadors at capitals abroad, and others holding court at learning's seat, and others still, whose great enterprise was securing for them great wealth, and whose recognized rectitude and respectability were dignifying and exalting social life, of the highest civilities and courtesies of which, they were the acknowledged representatives.

There were these among the Kings of academic and military fame: President Charles, L.L. D., of Columbia College, and General Rufus, of the United States Army, and United States minister to Rome: there were Dr. Richard Kissam Hoffman, the surgeon, and Dr. Maxwell, the physician; there were some of the Bells and Winthrops, and Livingstons, and Bayards, and Gracies, who were her children's children, or related to her by name. One of the descendants wedded a daughter of Bishop Jonathan Mayhew Wainwright; another married Dr. Henry E. Montgomery, rector of the Church of the Incarnation, N. Y.; and another was the Rev. Dr. Smith Payne, rector of Calvary Church, N. Y., and afterwards of St. Johns, Washington, D. C. Mrs. Rogers was mother of one of the originators of Grace Parish, New York, and of that excellent vestryman's (David Lambert, 1791-94) wife, Mrs. Susannah Lambert, of Wilton, and grandmother of Mrs. Catherine (Rogers) Sherwood, wife of Rev. Dr. Reuben Sherwood, of St. Paul's from 1816 to 1830, whose daughter (Miss Catherine Sherwood, now of Hyde Park, N. Y.), was the second of the four rector's daughters who have been born in this venerable parish parsonage, the first of whom having been Mary Elizabeth, daughter of Rev. Henry Whitlock, and the third Sarah S., daughter of Rev. James C. Richmond, and the last one, the little daughter (Miss Marjorie Clapp), of the present rector.

Mrs. Nehemiah Rogers was made a widow in 1760, and after her children had grown and removed from Norwalk, she spent more or less of her time with them. She returned occasionally, however, to this place, and seemed towards the close of her life to be here for protracted periods. Her sons, during the war troubles, went to New Brunswick, and two of them, Fitch and Nehemiah, were two of the founders of the City of St. Johns; while the following copy of a quaint and partially worn out original is a mention which concerns one of her daughters, and it suggests the care, as to the registration of such matters, which our fathers exercised: "Sunday evening, Dec. 27, 1769, at about 8 of the clock, David Lambert, son of David and Laurana Lambert, of Norwalk, and Susanna Rogers, daughter of Nehemiah and Elizabeth Rogers, of Norwalk, were married, Samuel Fitch, Esq., her grandfather, giving her away, and Rev. Jeremiah Leaming performing [the] ceremony."

Mr. Rogers died, as we have seen, in 1760, and from the distribution of his estate, made March 2d, 1780, it appears that Samuel, to whom he bequeathed a double portion of his goods, was his eldest son. He undoubtedly was the "your son" credited, in 1757, upon the parish ledger, by service rendered, and there is public record of him several years later than his father's death.

Fitch, the second son, took the mother's family name, and married Hannah Bell, of the Isaac Bell home, which was beautifully situated near the wave-washed shores of the Sound not far from Shippan Point. He removed, in war time, from New England to New Brunswick, where he was prominent, church-wise and citizen-wise, and afterward returned to Stamford in which place, according to Huntington, he died.

Moses was the next child born, and he married as is hereafter stated.

Henry, whose success was phenomenal, and the modes and habits of whose

*See note, page 47.

Norwalk Hanfords, and whose ancestress, Eglin Hanford, came over in 1635, a widow, in the ship Planter, from Sudbury, in Suf-

business life were characterized by strict honor and integrity, married, for his first wife, Miss Catherine Van Raust, and for his second wife a North Carolina lady, Miss Frances Moore; Nehemiah, the type of a gentleman, and another of the worthful and wealthy merchantmen of the metropolis, married Miss Catharine Bell, of the Provinces. To Elizabeth, who was unmarried, was apportioned landed property in various parts of Norwalk. Susanna married David Lambert, as has been noticed, and Esther became the wife of Archibald Gracie, of Scotland, but a resident of New York, and an old time business man of great enterprise, large benevolence, and high standing. It was with this daughter that Mrs. Rogers' ending years were spent, and in her abode the mother finally surrendered to the infirmities of age, and was gathered unto her fathers. She was fond of her native place, as before intimated, and her visits to it, during her city residence, are elsewhere alluded to.

Moses, third son of Nehemiah and Elizabeth Rogers, married Sarah Woolsey; and Sarah Woolsey's mother (Mrs. Benjamin Woolsey) was Esther, daughter of St. Paul's first warden, Ralph Isaacs. So that the quiet head stone which has for so many years stood in such a peaceful portion of St. Paul's Church yard, and is lettered Mary (Rumsey) Isaacs, marks the sleeping spot of the grandmother, by marriage, of a member of Trinity Corporation, St. John's, New Brunswick; and an old time vestryman of Trinity Church, New York; and a director of the old United States Bank; and great-grandparent of Hon. Samuel Miles Hopkins, of New York City, Albany and Washington, (a descendant of whom has now purchased, and is improving, a portion of the old Stamford Point House,) and of other prominent members of American society. Mrs. Col. William Paterson VanRensselaer, (Sarah Rogers) daughter-in-law of the "Patroon" Stephen VanRensselaer, whose manor stood on the Hudson, in the city of Albany, is one of her great-grandchildren. It may be recalled that Col. Wm. P. VanRensselaer occupied, several years since, the Wilson homestead, at Belden's Point, and more recently a point or island near Greenwich, on the Sound. From Ralph and Mary Isaacs descended the Hon. Ralph I. Ingersoll, United States Minister to Russia, and his son, Ex-Governor Charles R. Ingersoll, of New Haven, who married Virginia, a daughter of Commodore Francis H. Gregory, of the U. S. navy, and formerly of Norwalk.

Nehemiah Rogers is buried by the side of his father and mother. The tomb stones of the two parents read thus:

"Here lyes Buried
The Body of
JAMES ROGERS, ESQ.
Aged 58 years & 5 months
Died July ye 13th
1 7 3 3 "

"Here lies the
Body of Mrs.
FREELOVE ROGERS
Relict to Capt.
James Rogers Esq'r
who died Jan.
26th, 1739, in ye 46th
year of her age."

It is possible that Mrs. Freelove Rogers was Capt. Rogers' second wife.

Vestryman David Lambert's sister, Elizabeth, married Peter Lockwood, the great-grandfather of Miss Julia Abigall Lockwood, and her brothers, William B. E., and Colonel F. St. John Lockwood; and Peter and Elizabeth Lockwood were the parents of Lambert Lockwood, of Bridgeport, who married Elizabeth Roe, of New Jersey. Their son was the late Roe Lockwood, the New York publisher, and their grandson is the present George R. Lockwood, who has succeeded to his father.

A daughter of Lambert and Elizabeth (Roe) Lockwood married Frederick T. Peet, of the old Pearl street dry goods firm of Bostwick & Peet. Frederick T. Peet was senior warden of St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn, and Sunday school superintendent, also, under Doctor Cutler's rectorship. He did not live to see the new St. Ann's Church completed. His widow still survives, and resides on Columbia Heights, Brooklyn.

James Rogers 1st. and Sr., the grandfather of James, buried in Norwalk, was a man of wealth and position in New London, and at the court of the colony.

folk, was collector of the rates in Dr. Leaming's time. His father gave with those who gave the most for the church burnt in 1779.

He came over in the same ship with the Marvins. He was one of the catalogued Connecticut colonial *gentlemen*, whom the records designate by the prefix *Mr.* (Master.) The original Thomas Fitch, of Norwalk, was another of these. There were several such titled ones, in the early days, in this town.

There obtains the impression that the Norwalk Rogerses are of the Doctor John Rogers (President of Harvard College, 1682,) affinity. President John Rogers' father's name was Nathanael; and if one who has seemingly taken much pains to collect and preserve family facts can be relied upon, he, (Nathanael born in 1598, in England, and who was one hundred and sixty-eight days on his passage to this land,) was great uncle to James Rogers, 3d., who is entombed in Norwalk, which makes President Rogers, and Nehemiah and Elizabeth Fitch Rogers, third cousins. President Rogers' immediate descendants settled east or north-east of Connecticut. His son John was grandfather of Daniel Dennison Rogers, who, about a century ago, was one of the business men of Boston; and Daniel Dennison's son, John, who died two years ago, was the father of John Rogers, the sculptor, whose summer residence is in the bordering town of New Canaan.

In closing these foot notes to the Fitches and Rogerses the author would affirm that he—and here he ventures to again borrow the words of the able writer of the series of articles entitled, "*The Rogers' Lineage*," a writer who is the grandson of President Dwight, of Yale College, and a descendant of the first elected warden of St. Paul's parish—'Takes positive pleasure in recording these wayside discoveries of genealogical facts, as he knows that in other days, many an eye, not thought of now, will carefully traverse and curiously scan and con over all that they can find preserved of such records of the past with unmixed delight.'

Commodore Francis H. Gregory, alluded to in the preceding note, was grand son of Jabez Gregory, who was assemblyman for several successive years; and son of Captain Moses Gregory, vestryman from 1839 to 1844, and Norwalk delegate to the convention of 1818, which formed the state constitution; and cousin of Hon. Thaddeus Betts, lieutenant-governor of Connecticut and United States senator, and uncle of James G. Gregory, M. D., (1886,) of Norwalk.

Gregory, anciently Greggoire, is one of the oldest of Norwalk names. The forefather was John, and by grant, and Indian deed, and purchase, he became possessed of a valuable estate. His home domain was one of the best situated pieces of property in the settlement, embracing the tract, dotted to-day all over with dwellings, which extends from the Thomas Benedict place as far as to East Avenue, and which is bounded north and south by the highway. He was one of the five heaviest real estate holders, and one of the eight heaviest commonage proprietors in the plantation, and was deputy to the general assembly in 1662.

*The St. Paul's Hanfords, of former days, were Thomas and Elnathan, and William, and Haines, and Eleazar, and Ories, and Nehemiah, and Samuel, Jr., and Thomas, 2d., and Abraham, and Theophilus, and Ebenezer; and Hannah, and Sarah, (widows.)

Thomas and Elnathan, from whom the present Hanfords of the two Norwalk parishes sprang, were the first of the name to appear as members of St. Paul's and they were good and true sons. The fathers in the past, by their deeds, said: "Let us in this parish have worthy men," and the success of the parish during the early and critical stages of its existence was, humanly speaking, achieved by hard work, and conscientious fidelity, on the part of just such children as Thomas and Elnathan Hanford, both of whom challenge our gratitude, and command our respect. A very thorough genealogy of the family has been compiled by one of its members, and should be published at an early date.

Thomas Hanford was made first vestryman, at the first meeting, of which there is record, held after the Revolutionary War. The second Thomas Hanford in Norwalk history, great-uncle, it is probable, of Thomas, of St. Paul's, was one of the earliest school principals in the town. One of the codes, by which the settlers were governed, contained this clause: "After a town has increased to one hundred families, it shall support a grammar school." Norwalk started with about twenty families, but, in Principal Hanford's day, 1692, the number was so large that better educational facilities were demanded.

The children were compelled to attend school five full days of the week, and a half-day on Saturday. Sunday schools were not opened until one hundred and twenty-four years later, and a portion of Saturday morning was spent in

David Tuttle is credited by work done, and Edward Nash needs only to be named; Ebenezer Smith was elected in 1752, and Joseph

the religious instruction of the young, who seemed to be happy, and healthy. They were not daintily brought up, but, on the contrary, hardily and industriously; still, it was not all work and no play with them, and between "chores" the boys amused themselves in hunting rabbits, catching fish from the mill pond, pitching quoits, and playing ball, and one of the girls' principal diversions seems to have been "samplar" marking. The old jumping-rock, which stood close to the highway, and the down town boys' enjoyment of it, generations gone, are traditions to-day. The summer was devoted to out-door toil, but, as autumn approached, husking parties, and apple parings, and quilting, (or rather tacking) bees, were of common occurrence, as were social evening gatherings, despite Zerrubabel Hoyt's nine o'clock bell, which rang the young people home; and when winter settled drearily down, the bright reflections at night, across the glistening snow, through the small, old-fashioned seven-by-nine window panes, from open fireplace piled with back logs four feet long, were relieving, and cheering. The little folks' hour after supper was spent before the blazing hearth, and near the huge chimney jambs, in watching the flames, or in feeding them with the shells of hickory- or butter-nuts, or in sitting around the "stand," upon which burned one home-manufactured candle, and another stood ready for lighting, in the event of a neighbor's dropping in. The lads, with quill pens between their fingers, and heads low bent, would be intent upon imitating the master's copy, and the girls, employed in winding yarn, or possibly knitting, but with eye fixed upon the "English reader," the leaves being held down by the snuffers. This, or like this, was somewhat of child-life down-town, years long ago. We particularize "Down Town" for the reason that it was the first occupied portion of Norwalk, and has clustering round it, consequently, old, and not altogether uninteresting, local mentions and memories.

It was here, near Enos Osborn, Esq.'s, house, that the wealthiest citizen of Norwalk, and one of the most opulent men in Western Connecticut two hundred years ago, lived. It was just north of the summit of "Goodman Hoyt's" (the Hammersley) Hill, that Norwalk's young student, and first representative at Yale College, resided.

On the site of the Henry Fitch place (quite a model of the unpainted, shingle-sided, low-running, back-roof style of building, which succeeded to the log structures of the settlers), dwelt the ancestors of the Norwalk, and Wilton, and New Haven Olmsteads, and immediately south, where the Indians of yore hid, and afterward some of the Rogerses lived, and Mrs. Clark now inhabits, is the spot where the first of all of the name of Eli, or Ely, abode. In front of the Fitch property, which stretched to the river, occurred the wreck of the first steam craft which navigated the Norwalk waters; an experiment, on a smaller scale, perhaps, but an improvement, nevertheless, upon the celebrated John Fitch experiment, a hundred years ago, next year, in the same line. Mr. Fitch's steam yawl, the first steamboat the world ever saw, had an iron kettle for a boiler, with lid secured by bolts, and all went to pieces upon the banks of the pond, (not fifty miles from this town) upon which the bark was launched; but a portion of the Norwalk vessel, which was preserved until a few years since, evidenced advance over Fitch, at least, in the construction of the boiler. In this district was erected the first school house known in these parts; twenty by sixteen, and "six feet between the joists." Here, on one of the lower East avenue corners, the depression of land still indicating it, was the swamp, filled thickly with bushes, which the red man was wont to take to after his depredations upon the fathers' premises. Here is the gentle dale, a mere "scoop" in the land, in which the founders, with their one cook, inaugurated the settlement. Here, near the mighty iron highway of to-day, was the "old parade ground," all alive on "Training days," where, in all probability, was mustered the small, but heroic quota, who, under the command of the lamented Seeley, shouldered the musket and went, in 1675, to the Narraganset Country, to meet King Phillip, in an engagement in which a thousand Indian warriors were killed and wounded, and many helpless women and children burned alive. Here stood the enclosure, constructed for the protection of the settlers' cattle *from the wolves*. Here, some few rods north of the Tide Mill, was built the cottage of one who came over when he was eleven years old, in the ship "Francis," and was employed long before the war, and for a beneficent purpose, to beat the drum in the morning, and sound the horn "about twelve of the clock." Here was the fathers' "green," a little distance from the east end of the South Norwalk carriage bridge, and along the new shore drive of 1886. Here was the "Old Fort Point" and its line of log houses. Here Norwalk was planted. Here

Hitchcock, Jr., if figures can be relied upon, was zealous. John Betts, Jr., and Samuel Fitch, Jr., and Elias Scribner were chosen in 1757.

The vestrymen from 1779 to 1786 were: David Lambert, Thomas Hanford, James Rescou, Barnabas Marvin, Matthew Reed, James Fillow, John Saunders,* David Boulton, Daniel Nash, Daniel Church, Samuel Hanford, Jacob Selleck.

David Lambert resided remotely from the parish church, but its welfare was dear to his family, and children's children have given expression of a perpetuated interest in it. James Rescou was of the family of Rescous, or Ruscoes, or as sometimes spelled, Resiquees.† Near Five Mile River, stood, the house of Barnabas Marvin. He was

were reared homes—homes completely unfurnished with the convenient appliances of modern cleverness, and totally unembellished by the fertility and felicity of modern tastefulness, but homes, nevertheless, of happiness, and noteworthy and praiseworthy for truth and tenderness; homes within which were probably heard, similarly to what has in *these* times been heard in one of the oldest and most storied of them, the softly blended voices of the venerable grandparent, between ninety and one hundred years of age, and the son in life's prime, and the daughter-in-law, and several grandchildren, all reverently calling, at the day's threshold, upon *Our Father*. Blessings upon such homes! They are, and they were, privileged homes, even if primitive and plain. Benediction upon them! The secret of the Lord there tarries, and, like the patriarch's tenement, thousand of years back, they are *filled with angels*. And here, finally (Down Town), we may, as taught by Columbia's cherished laureate, salute the departed, who after their labors "by danger dignified," and their "hopes of cheerful old age, and a quiet grave, and grandchildren's love forepitaph," are embalmed, in the spot which they, themselves selected for their last resting ground. It was an ancient custom "to beat the parish bounds." It had not exactly this for its object it is true, but lessons of devotion to God and country might possibly be impressed upon the minds of the young by occasionally taking them over our old ecclesiastical and civil sites.

One of New England's "Historic homes on Golden hills" (that of Dr. Rogers, "a distinguished physician, of strong and vigorous mind, and enjoying an extensive practice"—see note, page thirty-seven) stood on Town House Hill. Two prized articles were saved at the burning of the house, in 1779; a silver headed cane, the gift of Governor Fitch, and the Rogers coat of arms. Chancellor Kent, in a letter dated June 1st., 1846, and addressed to John C. VanRensselaer, Esq., says, "When I rode from Norwalk (from his grandfather, Dr. Rogers, to Westport probably,—see note as before) on Sunday evening, December 30th, 1770, my aunt (Mr. VanRensselaer's mother) came out to the street, and took me in her arms off the horse, for my blessed mother was dying, and did die in half an hour." Another aunt of the distinguished young Norwalk visitor was ancestress of Dr. Elisha Kent Kane the Arctic Explorer. The Chancellor dying at his residence, in Union Square, New York, in 1847, was interred in Fishkill, N. Y.; his father was buried in Wall street, New York City, and his grandfather on Town House Hill.

In the Belden family bible, (Thomas Baskett, London, A. D., 1761), is this record, in the wife's hand: "Elnathan Hanford departed this life, August, 1764, August 24th, at two o'clock of the afternoon, in the fifty-eighth year of his age, and born January 23d." Mrs. Elnathan (Hannah Bartlett) Hanford's sister (daughter of John Bartlett,) married John Belden, Jr., the brother of Thomas, and Hezekiah, and Samuel, and father of Isaac, and Henry, and Mary Esther Belden (Mrs. William St. John.) This bible, the property in late years of Miss Margaret and Miss Amelia Belden, has fallen to a descendant, now in life's rosy dawn, to whom has been given, as a part of her name, the name of Belden.

*"Society's agent," see p. 81. His two grandsons, (sons of Holmes Saunders) are now physicians in the central or western part of the state of New York.

† The first Rescou (John) came over, in 1635, in the ship "Increase," a fellow-passenger with the Marvins.

devoted to this church, and here his family was brought up. His son practiced medicine in Norwalk many years ago, and became later a successful physician in Brooklyn, New York. From a volume entitled "New York and New England Families," which was published in Albany, New York, in 1883, we quote as follows: "Matthew Reed and wife were members of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Norwalk, of which, at that time, the Rev. Dr. Leaming was rector. It is to the honor of our ancestors in this parish that, although reduced by the destruction of their property, yet they rallied in a year's time and commenced anew for the Master." Matthew Reed's grave is to the right, not far from the front door of this church. James Fillio was elected to the vestry, in 1781, and John Saunders, in 1784, and Daniel Church and Samuel Hanford, Jr., in 1785; Jacob Selleck was the owner, on Carter street, New Canaan, of property near to what is now known as the Hoyt Brothers' nursery, and came from thence hither to church.

The vestrymen from 1786 to 1886, are Eliakim Warren, Samuel Hanford, 2nd., Captain Stephen Betts, Asa Hoyt, Esaias Bouton, Joseph Fitch, Samuel Bouton, James Beatty, Holmes Saunders, Paul Taylor, Josiah Thatcher, 2nd., Henry Belden, Jonathan Camp, 2nd., Samuel Cannon, Nathaniel J. Street, Dennis Nash, Isaac Church, Richard Camp, Jr., Ebenezer D. Hoyt, Stephen Kellogg, Esek Kellogg, Lewis Taylor, Isaac Belden, William J. Street, LeGrand Cannon, Nathan Jarvis, Isaac Church, David St. John, Jr., Noah Nash, William Cornwall, Isaac Adams, Josiah Church, Abraham Camp, Jonathan Camp, Jr., Joseph St. John, Lemuel Camp, Ebenezer Church, Jr., Richard S. Bryan, Jr., Stephen Smith, Stephen B. St. John, John A. McLean, M. D., Stephen Mott, Charles Isaacs, William Nash, Joseph W. Hubbell, Asa E. Smith, William St. John, William Daskam, Daniel Nash, Samuel Church, John Partrick, William Maybury, John B. Starr, Moses Gregory, Samuel Jarvis, Thomas L. Peck, Gould D. Jennings, James Finney, Timothy T. Merwin, Carmi Lockwood, L. L. Beebe, Charles N. Clock, William C. Street, William K. James, George G. Bishop, L. M. Stevens, James M. Hoyt, Samuel Lynes, John Smith, Ira Ford, Thomas Warner, Jr., Allen Betts, David H. Webb, Davis Hatch, Winfield S. Hanford, Josiah Kellogg, Lemuel A. Austin, Edgar B. Hoyt, Samuel Lynes, M. D., Samuel E. Olmstead, Edward K. Lockwood, Alfred Jackson, James C. Newkirk, Theodore E. Smith, Charles F. Osborn, James W. Pinckney, George Ward Selleck, Asa Smith. LeGrand Jackson, Homer Merrill, William H. Smith, and Daniel C. Nash. A long, but honored roll.

Previous to 1784 the wardens and vestry appear to have received and disbursed the parish revenues. On October 7th, 1784, Nathan Jarvis was chosen treasurer. The next appointment December 29th, 1803, was that of Thomas Hoyt. On July 28th, 1817, Ebenezer D. Hoyt was elected treasurer, and Henry Belden on January 7th, 1824. Mr. Belden resigned office on Easter Monday, 1827, when Jonathan Camp, Jr., was chosen. Mr. Camp filled the office for twenty-six years, and was followed, on March 28th, 1853, by Charles F. Osborn, Esq. Mr. Osborn's term of office embraced twenty years. He was succeeded, in 1873, by the late Samuel E. Olmstead. Mr. Olmstead was followed, in 1876, by Charles E. St. John, Esq., and Mr. St. John, in 1886, by E. K. Lockwood, Esq.; men, all, of accuracy and ability.

It has been remarked that the Greeks made such good colonists because of the excellent character of those who went out to found new provinces and establish new homes. And the early emigrants from St. Paul's were largely of this order. From Huntington, one of those pleasant towns which rise a little back of the line of silver sand which rims the northern shores of Long Island, there came to this parish, during the year of its organization, the parents of the future successor of Seabury. Abraham Jarvis, the second bishop of Connecticut, was born, about three-fourths of a mile from this spot,* in May, 1739. He was prepared for college in Stamford, and two years after his graduation sailed for England where he was ordained.† He was called to Middletown, and, in 1797, was elected to the See of Connecticut. He was a true son of the church, and his administration of the diocese was able. The days were dark and his episcopate a not altogether untroubled one, but before his death the prospects of his beloved church had grown brighter, and he was permitted to see the bow at life's decline. He died, in 1813, at New Haven, and is buried beneath the chancel of Trinity Church, in that city.

James Brown, Esq., justice-of-the-peace and son of James Brown, attorney-at-law, in Norwalk, nearly two centuries ago, and a descendant, it is probable, of the house of the Browns of Lincolnshire, England, was one of the men among men who went out from us carrying his liberality to the church with him. The statement is made that a few years before the revolutionary war "he was

* Across the street from and slightly south-east of the residence of the late George A. Raymond, Down Town, property now owned by Mr. Noah Wood.

† In November, 1763, ordained deacon by the Bishop of Exeter; and priest by the Bishop of Carlisle.

conveying or had already conveyed "four thousand acres of land to the church. This land was granted to him, in 1752, by letters patent, from George II, king, and lay in the Oblong, so-called, in what was termed the undivided lands, on the confines of the colonies of Connecticut and New York, but which, through irregularity in the transfer, or something of that sort, has been lost to the church.*

Eliakim Warren, who, with his wife Phoebe and their three sons, Esaias, Nathan and Stephen, left us in 1798, was another of our old representatives. He was elected vestryman on Easter Monday, 1787, and filled the office until the spring of 1792, and was intrusted with the care of the society's interests in Middlesex, now Darien, and went from us, leaving the registry of beneficence behind him, to become the first senior warden,† and himself and wife two of the first three communicants of one of the grandest parishes in what was then the diocese of New York, but is to-day the diocese of Albany. Mrs. Eliakim Warren, who, in her girlhood, came to this sacred spot from the home just at the head of what is now Wilson Cove, commenced, in 1815, in Troy, a Saturday sewing school,

* In Dr. Dibble's parochial register, see Bolton's history, it is thus recorded: "1758, May 12th, baptized Obadiah, slave of James Brown, of Salem. Several of Mr. Brown's slaves, viz., Cato, Lucas, Dyer and Tower Hill, now sleep side by side on the spot named after the last of these comrades.

James Brown, according to Bolton, was brother-in-law of Samuel Isaacs, of Norwalk, whose sons were Isaac Isaacs and Samuel Brown Isaacs. In the family bible of the latter is written: "My dear mother, Mary Isaacs, departed this life November 26th, 1801."

† Upon marble in St. Paul's Church, Troy, N. Y., are these inscriptions:

This Tablet is erected
by the vestry
in memory of
ELIAKIM WARREN,
Senior Warden of this Church
from its organization in 1804
until his death.
To his great zeal and munificence
This congregation is indebted,
under God,
for its origin and prosperity.

He died Sept. 4th.,

1824,

aged 77 years

Mark the perfect man and behold the upright,
for the end of that man is peace.

This Tablet is erected
by the vestry
in memory of
PHEBE,
relict of Eliakim Warren.

She died Jan. 17th,

1835,

aged 80 years.

A mother in Israel

For twenty years she supported and conducted a
Saturday Sewing School for the Children of the Poor.

The Blessings of him that was ready to perish
came upon her and she caused the widow's heart to sing for joy.

which was continued until her decease, twenty years later, and then followed up by a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Nathan Warren, one of the results of the pious work having been the erection of the sanctuary of the Holy Cross, a house of prayer, in Troy, New York, for all people, "without money and without price," and the establishment and endowment, in the same city, of a noble beneficence, under the corporate name of the Mary Warren Free institute.*

The Rev. William Jarvis, youngest son of Hezekiah and nephew of Bishop Abraham Jarvis, was another of the last century's children who removed from St. Paul's, and whom we name with gratitude to-day. Blest with gifts, Mr. Jarvis offered them in the Master's service, and left home at an early age to prepare for his future work. He studied in Schenectady, New York, and afterwards in New Haven and was ordained to the diaconate, in 1822, in the old St. Paul's, under Dr. Sherwood's rectorship; in the following year he was admitted to the priesthood, and had the care of East Haddam and Hebron, in this diocese. He then became rector of Trinity Church, Portland, on the Connecticut. Failing health compelled his resignation of that parish, and the last years of his life were spent at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth H. Colt, of Hartford. With the exception of during youth, Mr. Jarvis was not a resident of Norwalk, but his personal merits and professional devotion were not unknown to us. His sisters, Amelia, Levinia, Sarah, and Mary, of fond memory, still occupied the old contented hearthstone, and a brother's affection for them often brought him hither. He died fourteen years ago, October last.

Miss Sally St. John, afterward Mrs. Luke Bush, of Greenwich, in this state, youngest daughter of William St. John, Sr., was a christian lady, who, attached to the parish and its work in Greenwich, was a valued aid of her warm friend and pastor, the Rev. B. M. Yarrington.

LeGrand Cannon, another of our honored sons, left this parish and became one of the best known citizens of northern New York. He was the only son of Samuel Cannon, and was vestryman, in

*The Warrens were from Roton Hill. The home stood near where now stand the house and grounds which were until recently the property of Horatio Bigelow, Esq., of New York. Vestryman Eliakim Warren, grandson of Edmond, the settler, was a descendant, through his mother, of the Reeds, of Cornwall, England, and the Derbys of the colony of Rhode Island. John Reed settled first in Providence, where (see Talcott) he married a Miss Derby. They came to Norwalk about 1684, and their son Thomas married Mary Olmstead. Thomas and Mary Reed's son, John, had a daughter, Ann, who was the mother of Eliakim Warren of St. Paul's. See further, notes, page one hundred, and paragraph, page one hundred and twenty-six. The older Warren family names were Edmond, Edmond, Jr., Nathan, John, Jacob, Mary, and Hannah. Edmond and Elizabeth (who was daughter of Sergeant John Bouton, and a descendant therefore of Matthew and Elizabeth Marvin), were the parents.

1818. His sisters, Mrs. Hugh Knox and Mrs. Moses Craft, were daughters of St. Paul's. They removed from Norwalk, and Mrs. Knox* died not many years afterward; Mrs. Craft† lived to a good age. Both sisters are remembered in Norwalk.

Nathan and Stephen Bouton, (sons of Esaias) went to Troy, New York, where they became leading business men and churchmen. Nathan was warden of St. Paul's church in that city, and lived to the age of eighty-one. His son-in-law, Nathan Warren, Esq., who was twenty-one years old at the time of the family's removal from Connecticut, died four years before his father Bouton, at the age of fifty-seven. It was his desire, in 1834, to once more breathe his native air. A steam vessel brought him down the Hudson and through the Sound to "Old Well," where the boat was moored a sufficient time to allow a portion of the party‡ to visit this part of the town, and take a brief look at the place. Mr. Warren died in August that year. These were some of St. Paul's children who remembered the Christian birth-spot, and who, wherever they went, kept the altar-fire to mother church ever burning.

There were a number who came, in former times, some in the primitive gig, some in the family square box, some with horse under the saddle and prayer book under the arm, and some on foot, but all from a distance, to church. Among them Jonathan and Mrs. Abbott,§ from, so the old people used to say, the greatest distance away, from near the state line; and the Sterlings,|| father and mother, from what is at this day called Cannon's Station; and the Fitches from Wilton, and the Hanford's from New Canaan; and the Boutons, Esaias, from Belden's Neck, and Samuel and his

* The Knox House stood upon the Green, and is now the inviting homestead of George R. Cowles, Esq.

Mr. Hugh Knox died, in 1858, and left one son, the late John LeGrand Knox, who married Miss Elizabeth Sigourney, of Hartford. Mrs. John LeGrand Knox visited Norwalk several times after her husband's death, and down to her own lamented decease, in 1885.

† But one of Mrs. Craft's children (Mrs. Hannibal Green) survives. Mr. Green was one of the foremost business men of Troy. He was founder of one of the heaviest hardware establishments north of the city of New York, and built the Hannibal Green steel and iron warehouse, Broadway, Troy. He was from Vermont. He died several years ago, and his widow (who was born in one of the Norwalk ancestral dwellings about which still linger the ancient celebrity-look) resides in First street, Troy.

‡ The late LeGrand Cannon, and Captain Hall Fitch.

§ Jonathan Abbott was a strong churchman. His house still stands, about a half mile above Smith Ridge, New Canaan. His son Charles has been superintendent of public instruction, in Brooklyn, New York. Jonathan Abbott's nephew, Jonathan Beers, was a churchman of like type. His son, bent upon witnessing a confirmation service, left home alone, and on foot, and albeit twenty miles must be trudged ere he reached and returned from Norwalk, yet he accomplished it. The persevering lad became the greatly respected Alfred Beers, Esq. of Housatonic Railroad connection, and senior warden of one of Bridgeport's flourishing parishes. He died last spring.

|| The grandparents of Mrs. Albert Hyatt.

daughters, Mrs. Ira Ford and Miss Mary Ann Bouton from Flax Hill,* and Paul Taylor† from near White Oak Shade; and the Reeds from West Norwalk; and also the Streets, (parents of Edward Street, the first organist of the parish); and Daniel, and Dennis,‡ and Noah Nash from Westport; and Noah's children, the gentle one who died some years since, Mrs. William Cornwall; and the active other one, Miss Sally Nash, who lingered until last Lent; and the third sister, Mrs. Lemuel Camp, who still survives, the tender charge of her daughter; and the youngest, William, a former vestryman, but who now resides in Stratford; these from just above the old pike gate, this side Saugatuck;§ and Richard Camp, Jr.,

* The Boutons are buried in the plot on the hill, some little distance north of Belden's Point. The inscriptions on their tomb stones read thus:

ESAIAS BOUTON,
died May 28th,
1821,
aged 90 years and 6 months.

PHEBE,
wife of Esaias Bouton,
died March 15th,
1810,
in the 76th year of her age.

SAMUEL BOUTON,
born July 14th,
1763,
died April 4th,
1833.

EUNICE,
wife of Samuel Bouton,
died August 3d,
1818,
aged 50 years, 8 months and 15 days.

† The uncle of the venerable Alfred Taylor, who resided in his "care-free sunset days" in Poplar Plains, until Tuesday, March 22d, 1887, when he died.

‡ Six generations of his family (Charles Adams' family is the sixth) have been members of St. Paul's church and parish. Mr. Adams followed Bishop Kemper to the west, and was one of the original settlers, in 1836, of the city of Chicago. He has in his possession several rectory chairs—Dr. Leaming's, of 1779.

§ "Call it Saugatuck," said Dr. Kemper, who, apparently had no prejudice against the red man's expressive designation. The first occupants of Norwalk were Indians, and when the town was settled there appear to have been not two *tribes*, but two *clans*, who had possession of the place. One clan occupied the territory on the east side of the river, and the other that on the west side, and along this latter side ran the ancient "Ponassus path:" named after Ponus, Sagamore of the Rippowams. This sachem's realm embraced from the sparkling waters of Rowalton (Five Mile River) on the west towards the Pequonnocke Indians, "Gold Hill," land on the east, and as far north as the Mohawk forests. Our fathers of 1686 paid the old Indian patriarch the compliment of naming one of their walks for him, but later "plains and places" have fared worse.

The story of Naramake (Indian south-western Norwalk), antedates that of the Europeans' occupancy of the same territory. It may be impossible to infallibly determine concerning our pre-historic predecessors, but the evidence is abundant that stray representatives of the five nations were in possession of the place anterior to the arrival of the white settlers; and a rational inference is, that the red rangers were attracted to the locality by the natural beauty of the spot. They seem to have had a strong relish for the romantic, and to have loved the outer world, the green grass, the fresh air, and the sun-and-moon-light, with remarkable ardor and our brakes and books, our fields

from Winnipauk, and Isaac and Abraham Camp, from Silver Mine; and Asa Hoyt, lieutenant of the old guard from below Old Well.†

and forests, our inlets and islands, our rivulets and rocks, the cove, the cliff, the glen, and "fruitful spring," unquestionably wooed them; and although the thunder-burst over "Canoe Hill" might have terrorized them, still the sleeping deep beyond "Mamachimons" beach was calculated to tranquilize them. They ranged our woods and paddled upon our waters, and turned our huge boulders into grain-grinding mortars; while it has been shown that there were among them some who were skillful, and many, perhaps the majority, who were disposed to be peaceful.* Let the day be tardy in arriving, when, by dropping the already too few aboriginal names bequeathed us—Winnepauke, Rhoton, Cachenoës and Mahackem, we ignobly discard all recognition of these primal lords of the soil, and thereby deaden a deserved memory of the past, as well as destroy a *veritable touch of the antique*, which last, is not the least of the charms which conjure this old plantation, namesake, in the days of Pemenate,† of the pensive-countenanced, conquered chieftain Naramake.

* There exists cause for believing, that with some exceptions, the Norwalk Indians were, as a class, singularly amiable.

† Pemenate was one of Naramake's partners at the time of the "Partrick purchase."

†The following interesting schedule is here presented. It is true that "deeds, not names, are what tell;" but NAMES in this instance have a voice. Just THREE of the accompanying roll of sixty-five, remain, after the lapse of forty-seven years, as pew holders in St. Paul's Church to-day. It was the last rental of pews in the church of 1779, previous to its removal to make room for the erection of the new church.

SALE OF PEWS AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, APRIL, 2d., 1839.

TERMS SIXTY DAYS.

Pew No. 1, ——— BATES.	Pew No. 37,
Pew No. 2, DR. MCLEAN.	Pew No. 38, MUNSON HOYT.
Pew No. 3, MRS. MAYBURY.	Pew No. 39,
Pew No. 4, WILLIAM DASKAM.	Pew No. 40, ABRAHAM CAMP.
Pew No. 5, J. B. STARR.	Pew No. 41, MR. BENNETT.
Pew No. 6,	Pew No. 42, HENRY BENNETT.
Pew No. 7, WILLIAM ST. JOHN.	Pew No. 43, WM. DASKAM.
Pew No. 8, Lewis O. WILSON.	Pew No. 44, RICHARD CAMP.
Pew No. 9, IRA FORD.	Pew No. 45, TALMADGE STEVENS.
Pew No. 10, STEPHEN MOTT.	Pew No. 46,
Pew No. 11, WM. A. BARLOW.	Pew No. 47, WILLIAM K. JAMES.
Pew No. 12, MOSES GREGORY.	Pew No. 48, A. W. STREET.
Pew No. 13, WILLIAM ST. JOHN.	Pew No. 49, CHARLES N. CLOCK.
Pew No. 14, BENJAMIN ISAACS.	Pew No. 50, GEORGE HOYT.
Pew No. 15, WM. J. STREET.	Pew No. 51, MR. MILLS
Pew No. 16, ABBY HOYT,	Pew No. 52, HENRY PARSONS.
Pew No. 17, MALTBY BETTS.	Pew No. 53, JOHN PARTRICK.
Pew No. 18, JAMES FINNEY.	Pew No. 54, JONATHAN CAMP.
Pew No. 19, MR. CORNWALL.	Pew No. 55, ESECK KELLOGG.
Pew No. 20, SARAH JARVIS.	Pew No. 56, RICHARD PENNOYER.
Pew No. 21, MR. CORNWALL.	Pew No. 57,
Pew No. 22, CHARLOTTE ST. JOHN.	Pew No. 58, JAMES SCRIBNER.
Pew No. 23, WILLIAM MALLORY.	Pew No. 59,
Pew No. 24, MR. SHERRY.	Pew No. 60, ISRAEL LOCKWOOD.
Pew No. 25, ESTHER BELDEN.	Pew No. 61, EDWIN LOCKWOOD.
Pew No. 26, MR. HUBBELL.	Pew No. 62, CHAS. VANDUZER,
Pew No. 27, SAMUEL DASKAM.	Pew No. 63, FREDERICK JARVIS.
Pew No. 28, WILLIAM K. JAMES.	Pew No. 64, H. W. SMITH.
Pew No. 29, ABEL BEEBE.	Pew No. 65, JAMES STEVENS.
Pew No. 30, MARVIN RAYMOND.	Pew No. 66, CHARLES STEVENS.
Pew No. 31, BANKS SMITH.	Pew No. 67, LAWRENCE STEVENS.
Pew No. 32, MUNSON HOYT.	Pew No. 68, MR. ELWOOD.
Pew No. 33, MRS. BARNUM.	Pew No. 69, LAWRENCE STEVENS.
Pew No. 34, GOULD D. JENNINGS.	Pew No. 70, MR. GRUMMAN.
Pew No. 35, LEWIS TAYLOR.	Pew No. 71, N. JARVIS.
Pew No. 36,	Pew No. 72, SAMUEL STREET.

Some of these, as may be seen, took two pews each, and three of them, viz: James Finney, Charles N. Clock, (vestryman forty-two years ago,) and Israel Lockwood, are occupants of pews in St. Paul's to-day. Mr. Finney was grandson of Isaac Camp; Mr. Clock came from Darien; and Mr. Lockwood from Greenwich. The former was active in Dr. Kemper's day.

These, with others who have been named, and several who have not perchance been named, helped make up the congregation which the observance to-day calls up.

The names of such as took two pews each, as referred to in foot note on the opposite page, are: William Daskam, William St. John, Mr. Cornwall, and Lawrence Stevens.

William Daskam was brother of Samuel, of Norwalk, and James, of Stamford. He married Ruah, daughter of David Boulton, and built in Main street, near the south corner of the present Hoyt street, and but a short distance above the old Lockwood house, which stood in, and took up quite a portion of what is now the roadway. The stores at that time, on the west side of the street, extended, towards the north, about as far as the store of Messrs G. & S. H. Holmes, between which point and the Daskam residence was the dwelling of the widow Jabez Gregory, which, being at "The Bridge," and near "The Spring," and on "the principal street," was one of the best known places in Norwalk. The house, in shape and size, was somewhat like the Isaacs house and it was occupied by "grandmother Gregory" until she had rounded out a century of years. Two of William Daskam's children survive: Mrs. Judge Sidney B. Beardsley, of Bridgeport, and Miss Harriett F., of Norwalk.

WILLIAM ST. JOHN, of Pews Nos. 7 and 13, was son of William, Sr., and Mary Esther (Belden) St. John. The belief which has obtained in Norwalk is, that three Sensations (St. Johns) came at first to this land. One of this country's genealogists appears to disclaim this, affirming, "I have read too many records to tolerate" the belief, nevertheless, there was evidently a father and son (Matthias, Sr. and Jr.), in Norwalk, in 1655, and Dr. Hall, in his valuable compilation from the ancient records, mentions the name of Matthew, also, while it seems that there was a St. John in Dorchester, in 1634. William, of St. Paul's Church, married Esther, daughter of James and Rebecca (Goold) Cannon. His house was a fine old style structure, and stood at the lower end of High street. Other than Esther (Mrs. William St. John), James Cannon's children were Sarah (Mrs. Jonathan Fitch), Amelia (Mrs. Garrett Harson Newkirk) and Mary (Mrs. George Lockwood). The children of Mrs. Jonathan Fitch were Mrs. Stephen Raymond, and Mrs. James Mallory; and the children of Garrett H. Newkirk were Mrs. Jonathan Camp, Mrs. Reuben A. Williams, Margaret Bennett, Mrs. Adelaide Quigley, and the late James Newkirk; and the children of Mrs. George Lockwood were Sarah, Mary, and James, who is one of the solid men (financially), of Ohio; and the children of Mrs. William St. John were Mrs. Munson Hoyt, Mrs. Charles Sherry, Mrs. Francis Skiddy, Mrs. J. A. VanZandt, and William and Frederick St. John.

MRS. CHARLOTTE ST. JOHN, of Pew 22, was the second wife of Stephen Buckingham St. John, brother of William, of Pew 7. Stephen B. St. John's first wife was a daughter of John Cannon. His second wife, Charlotte (Bush) St. John, was the mother of Mrs. James A. Hoyt, who has succeeded to the ownership of the historic Grumman's Hill property.

MR. CORNWALL was another who rented two pews. Thomas, the father of William Cornwall, came from Middletown. His wife was a Miss Mary Beers, from Stratford. They lived near Mr. Thomas Benedict, Down Town, and had four sons, William, Grove, Josiah, and George. Grove and George took up their homes in Milford, and Josiah and William resided in Norwalk. Josiah married in this town, but died in earlier life.

William married Lucinda, daughter of Noah Nash, of Westport, and his children were Lorinda (Mrs. John B. Hunter), Mary Ann (Mrs. Samuel Gorham), Esther (Mrs. Eli K. Street), Eliza (Mrs. William D. Haight), Catharine (Mrs. Charles S. Lockwood), Sarah (Mrs. Charles C. Brooks), Thomas, William, John, Robert, and Louisa (Mrs. George F. Belden). Mrs. William Cornwall's uncle and aunt, Luke and Jemima Keeler, of Norwalk, removed, probably in the "Prairie Schooner" (a large traveling vehicle), to the West, and were among the founders of St. Paul's parish, in Norwalk, Ohio. The Cornwalls adhered to their church, and of William, at his death, Dr. Kemper said: "He was to me a brother, a counsellor, and a helper." His services as lay reader and chorister, were of no trifling importance to the parish; and albeit he has gone, and his old choir has disappeared, and other choirs have been formed, to be in their turn displaced, yet such ministrations are not lost forever. The blessings, which those who lead in our praises bequeath, are abiding.

LAWRENCE STEVENS was the last of the four, who in 1839, took two pews each. He was son of Ebenezer Stevens by his first wife. Before coming to Norwalk, Ebenezer Stevens resided in Bethel. His first wife was Miss Chloe Fairchild,

It is to the credit of the men in this parish, in the beginning of the nineteenth century, that they so promptly took up the challenge

of New Fairfield, Connecticut. Himself and boys, (Lawrence M. and Talmadge) and one daughter, Harriet, came to Norwalk, and he here married Susan, the daughter of Richard Camp, Sr. The children of this marriage were Mary, Emily (Mrs. Ebenzer Ayres, of New Canaan), and Augusta (Mrs. Alexander Grey, of Madison, Wisconsin.) Lawrence M. Stevens married Catharine, daughter of Stephen St. John, of Norwalk. He died over thirty years ago, and left a donation to St. Paul's church. Talmadge, the brother of Lawrence, married, first, Louisa Humphreys, and for his second wife, Rebecca Bigelow. The two Mrs. Talmadge Stevens were cousins, and both were from Concord, Michigan. The children of Talmadge are Mary (Mrs. Charles Tucker), Sarah Louise (Mrs. Thomas Moores), and Josephine.

Others of the pew list of 1839 not before alluded to are Walter Bates, of Darien; Mrs. Maybury, (mother of Grace, Lucy and Mary, and of Charles, who married Harriet, daughter of Stephen Smith, whose office it often was to preside at parish meetings); John B. Starr, an educator of Norwalk, who was efficient in St. Paul's parish and in its Sunday school; Ira Ford, of Flax Hill; Abby Hoyt (Mrs. Walter Hoyt, a daughter of Samuel Bouton, and whose son Walter married a daughter of Mr. Charles F. Raymond); Maltby Betts, (son of Hon. Thaddeus Betts, and brother of Charles C. and Frederick T.); William Mallory, (son of John Mallory), who married a member of St. Paul's, and granddaughter of Samuel M. Fitch; Abel Beebe, (father of Linus L. Beebe, a former vestryman). Banks Smith, whose children and grandchildren belong to St. Paul's; Mrs. Barnum (Mrs. Henrietta Barnum). Her father (Samuel Collins), was of noble family, and a cousin of Sir Garnet Wolseley. Her sister was the late Mrs. Dorinda Lockwood, and her brother Samuel was father of Mrs. Dr. Wakeman, and of Mrs. Mary Read, of Redding, Connecticut. Mrs. Barnum taught in the old church academy and elsewhere, and some of the present communicants of St. Paul's were her pupils. Lord Wolseley, after his return to England from his military campaign in the east, gave courteous evidence of his regard for his Norwalk and Redding cousins. The town of Redding—anciently Reading—took its name from the family of Mrs. Read's husband. The "Goodale sisters," authoresses and poetesses, who, some years since, wrote from "Skyefarm," and who drew their inspiration so largely from nature, are neices of Mr. and Mrs. Read. Elaine, one of the sisters, was a recent contributor, to the *Churchman*, of an article upon the Indian Question, she being, at the present time, an active ally, under the direction of a western bishop, of the Indian Commission.

LEWIS TAYLOR, of Pew No. 35, was son of Paul Taylor, and uncle of Alfred Taylor, of Poplar Plains. He was brother to the grandmother of Mrs. Charles T. Leonard, and of a family of established church repute.

MR. BENNETT (JOHN F.) AND HENRY BENNETT, of Pews Nos. 41 and 42, were both of the old Norwalk families.

A. W. STREET (Alonzo Warren Street), was from West Norwalk.

GEORGE HOYT, of Pew No. 50, was a communicant of, and a constant attendant at St. Paul's. He married Miss Lucy Allen, of Westport, and was father of Ann Eliza, Catharine (Mrs. Hart Denton), and Jane M. (Mrs. James W. Hyatt,) and Edwin and Gould.

MR. MILLS (Stephen F. Mills), of Pew No. 51, resided in South Norwalk. Mr. Mills was from Flushing, L. I., and his wife was a daughter of Captain Curtis Peck, Sr., and sister of Captains Curtis Peck, Jr., Galatian Peck, and William Henry Peck. Captain Curtis Peck, Jr., who resided for some time on the Timothy T. Merwin place, commanded the Norwalk and New York steamer CATALINE, which was named after his wife, who was Miss Catalina Meserole, of Brooklyn. Thomas L. Peck, vestryman of St. Paul's, was son of Jonathan Peck (son of Jonathan Richard), and his children were Mary, wife of the Rev. Joshua Kimber; Thomas L., Jr., who married Anna, daughter of the late Asa E. Smith; and Anna, deceased. Stephen F. Mills' children were Henrietta, who is buried in St. Paul's yard, and Mary. Parish clerk Charles T. Leonard is cousin to Thomas L. Peck, Sr. Jonathan, the father of Thomas L. Peck, Sr., had four brothers, viz.; Curtis, Sr., Elijah, Charles, and William, two of whom, Jonathan and Elijah, married sisters of Mr. C. T. Leonard's mother, who was a Cornell.

HENRY PARSONS, of Pew No. 52, was a young man, known in Norwalk society.

JOHN PARTRICK, of Pew No. 53, and brother of Lewis, was from the northeastern portion of the parish.

which their predecessors, at the close of the century before, had thrown down. The subscription paper of 1792 was followed, a few

RICHARD PENNOYER, of Pew No. 56, was from Westport, and married a sister of Charles Adams.

The name of JAMES H. SCRIBNER, of Pew No. 58, recalls the fact that upon the roll of the last century members of St. Paul's, occurs mention of Uriah Scribner. The first (Skribner in 1680, but Scribner thereafter) was Benjamin. He married a soldier's daughter, in 1678-80, and had four sons, one of whom appears to have been the grandparent of Uriah Roger Scribner, son of Dr. Uriah Rogers, Sr's daughter Abigail, who married a Scribner. Said son was born in 1779, and if he be the Uriah Scribner of St. Paul's, he was later the New York city merchant of that name. James H. Scribner, of 1839, was a descendant, it is probable, of one of the four brothers (Thomas, John, Abraham, and Matthew), sons of the original Benjamin and Hannah (Crampton) Scribner.

EDWIN LOCKWOOD, of Pew No. 61, son of Ebenezer, and father of the present Charles, owned the house and grounds upon "the Green" which are now the property of Morgan T. Smith.

CHARLES VANDUZER, of Pew No. 62, was son of Mrs. Nancy VanDuzer, afterward Mrs. Lewis Bennett. Mrs. VanDuzer's children were Charles, Whitlock, Mary (Mrs. Isaac V. Brower, of New Jersey; Mr. I. V. Brower is a cousin of Mr. Charles DeHart Brower, who married Miss Mary H. Bailey, of Norwalk); and Ann Eliza (Mrs. Eli S. Quintard, of New Haven). Mrs. Bennett had but one child, Miss Nancy Elizabeth Bennett, afterward Mrs. Jonathan R. Peck, and now Mrs. David Demarest.

JAMES STEVENS, of Pew No. 65, was from Hartland, Connecticut. He married Miss Fanny Whitlock, and was an officer of high rank and reputation in the Masonic body. He was associated in business in New Canaan, with Ebenezer Ayres, and was subsequently proprietor of "Whitlock's", afterwards the "Connecticut Hotel." His children were Georgianna, (Mrs. Henry Bailey), Mary (the late Mrs. Eli S. Quintard), and Susan J. (Mrs. Frederick T. Betts).

CHARLES STEVENS, of Pew No. 66, does not appear to have been of either James or Lawrence M. Stevens' families.

MR. ELWOOD, of Pew No. 68, may possibly have been of the Elwood family, whose home was in upper France street.

MR. GRUMMAN, of Pew No. 70, was Samuel Edwin, son of Samuel and Maria (Cholwell) Grumman. The Grummans were from Fairfield, and the Cholwells from the east side of the upper Hudson portion of the state of New York.

In the days of the old church there were several Norwalk young men who took pews together.

Noah Nash, of Westport, had a daughter whose name is unmentioned in the address; viz. Anna (Mrs. Darrow).

Lieutenant Asa Hoyt's daughter Esther married Captain Moses Gregory, vestryman, and Mr. Hoyt's sister Eunice married Noah Smith, of Norwalk Island; the ancestor of which Smith (Kilyard) emigrated, with nine children, from Devon County, in south-western England. He located, on the east bank of the Connecticut river, below Middletown. One of his sons, Eliakim, came to Norwalk, and, with Abigail, his wife, occupied a dwelling which stood opposite to the residence of Mrs. Eben Hill, in South Norwalk. Noah, of Smith's (Norwalk) Island, was a son of Eliakim and Abigail. Noah's son Asa, was the father of Stephen, Asa E., Henry W. and George E. Smith, of Norwalk; Rufus, of Texas; Ward, of Brooklyn; Sidney, of California, and Eliza Jane (Mrs. George St. John), of Wisconsin.

Mr. Morgan T. Smith, of St. Paul's, is not of the aforesaid family. His mother, Anna, was sister of Mr. Jess Smith, of Westchester County, New York, and Morgan T. is cousin of Jess Smith 2d., formerly of Winnipauk. Mrs. Morgan T. Smith was Clarissa Crane, a daughter of Thaddeus Crane, Sr., of Somers, New York, and a neice of the late John D. Lounsbury, who planted an industry in this town, the developments of which have in all probability far exceeded the most sanguine expectations of this benefactor of the place.

One communicant of St. Paul's whose name does not appear on the list as a pew proprietor, but who has been a faithful Christian woman, remains to be mentioned here. We refer to the aged Mrs. Thomas Mitchell, of Ely's Neck. She is an English woman who, nearly forty years ago, came with her husband to this country. He was doomed to early death, but she, solitary in her retired cottage, has never parted with her faith. She spent a portion of her early life at Fulham, the residence of the Bishop of London, knew Hannah More, and

years later, by another, which had for its object the building of a new glebe house, or parsonage. On February 4th, 1806, Josiah

was brought in contact with those whose influence over her has been helpful and happy. Until Trinity Chapel, South Norwalk, was built, she was a regular attendant at St. Paul's. Through summer and winter she walked, neatly attired, and with prayer book wrapped in kerchief in hand, from her distant home to the parish church. She has now arrived at the age of eighty-five, and is not seen at service as often as of yore. She is alone in this land, as far as relatives are concerned; her husband lies in the church yard, and her son, whom she has not seen for about a half century, lives in Australia.

The curious will be pleased, perhaps, to find as supplemental to the schedule on page 56, what purports to be the FIRST pew schedule of the church of 1786. It bears date 1792, but it must be borne in mind that the church of 1786 was not completed at the time of its consecration, and was not permanently seated until after the passage, in October, 1790, of the resolution, "that the inside of the church should be finished by building a pulpit, pewing, and finishing the galleries, etc."

Pew No. 1, LEGRAND CANNON.	Pew No. 32, SAMUEL BELDEN.
Pew No. 2, THOMAS BELDEN.	Pew No. 33, MICAHAH NASH.
Pew No. 3, GOOLD HOYT,	Pew No. 34, JACOB JENNINGS.
Pew No. 4, EBENEZER CHURCH.	Pew No. 35, JOSHUA BOUTON.
Pew No. 5, JONATHAN CAMP.*	Pew No. 36, STEPHEN MARVIN.
Pew No. 6, ISAAC S. ISAACS.	Pew No. 37, JAMES KELLOGG to DAVID LAMBERT.
Pew No. 7, JOHN SAUNDERS, and HOLMES SAUNDERS in 1799	Pew No. 38, BENJA. ISAACS.
Pew No. 8, JOHN BELDEN.	Pew No. 39, STEPHEN KELLOGG ‡ [p. 61]
Pew No. 9, ISAAC CAMP.	Pew No. 40, SETH KEELER.
Pew No. 10, DANIEL NASH.	Pew No. 41, DAVID LAMBERT (gave it up.)
Pew No. 11, SAMUEL WHITE.	Pew No. 42, EDWARD WENTWORTH.
Pew No. 12, JOHN PLATT.	Pew No. 43, SAMUEL RAYMOND and MRS. NASH.
Pew No. 13, ASA HOYT.	Pew No. 44, AARON ADAMS.
Pew No. 14, STEPHEN BETTS.	Pew No. 45, OBADIAH WRIGHT.
Pew No. 15, RICHARD CAMP.	Pew No. 46, ELIAKIM WARREN.
Pew No. 16, REUBEN MOTT.† [p. 61]	Pew No. 47, JOHN LOCKWOOD.§ [p. 62]
Pew No. 17, BARNABAS MARVIN.	Pew No. 48, JOHN NASH.
Pew No. 18, MATTHEW REED.	Pew No. 49, PETER JAMES.
Pew No. 19, NEHEMIAH HANFORD.	Pew No. 50, DANIEL ADAMS.
Pew No. 20, ESAIAS BOUTON.	Pew No. 51, JAMES CROWLEY.
Pew No. 21, PETER WHITE.	Pew No. 52, WILLIAM JELLIFF.
Pew No. 22, NATHAN JARVIS.	Pew No. 53, JOHN SAUNDERS, JR.
Pew No. 23, LEMUEL BROOKS.	Pew No. 54, SEELEY SQUIRES.
Pew No. 24, PAUL TAYLOR.	Pew No. 55, AARON KEELER.
Pew No. 25, NATHANIEL STREET.	Pew No. 56,
Pew No. 26, JOHN CANNON, JR., afterwards ELIAKIM WARREN.	Pew No. 57, HANFORD FAIRWEATHER.
Pew No. 27, DAVID BOULT.	Pew No. 58, JOSIAH THATCHER, JR.
Pew No. 28,	Pew No. 59, STEPHEN ABBOTT.
Pew No. 29, HEZEKIAH JARVIS.	Pew No. 60, NATHAN WILSON.
Pew No. 30, ISAAC HOYT.	
Pew No. 31, HEZEKIAH BELDEN.	

These pews were *sold*, and the names, affixed to the numbers of the same, were the names of their *owners*.

Thomas Keeler, also, seems to be assigned to pew No. 50, and Abraham Hanford and son, to pew 43.

*The name of Jonathan Camp is one of the first names which appear upon St. Paul's parish records. It is believed that the family took its rise in France, and that three Brothers first came to this country, and settled, two in Connecticut (Milford and Norwalk,) and one in New Jersey. Jonathan, the founder of the Norwalk family, came hither from Milford, and purchased at once in Norwalk to the amount of nearly three thousand dollars, a large sum at that time. Himself and Ann, the forefather and mother, had four sons, viz.: Jonathan, Jr., Isaac, Abraham, and Richard. Jonathan, 2d, or Jr., was born in 1735, and married Mary Burwell, in 1759. From him descended Jonathan, 3d, born in 1768, and married, in 1792, to Hannah Bouton. Jonathan, 3d and Hannah were the parents of Jonathan, 4th—the late Jonathan—who was born in 1801, and who married Miss Mary Newkirk, a granddaugh-

Thatcher, 2d, was appointed to take charge of such a paper, and that he was successful in his endeavors is evidenced from the action

ter of James Cannon. Jonathan, 5th, was educated at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and practiced civil engineering in New Jersey. He died in 1882, and left a son Jonathan, the sixth in the line.

Isaac, son of Jonathan, 1st, and Ann, married, in 1769, Rhoda Keeler. Their youngest child was Abraham, who was born in 1787, and who married a sister of the late David St. John, senior warden of St. Paul's.

Abraham, another son of Jonathan, 1st, and Ann, married a Miss Jarvis, of Long Island. They had one son Samuel Jarvis Camp, the former choister of St. Paul's.

Richard, the remaining son of Jonathan, 1st, and Ann, married a niece of Rev. Dr. Leaming, from whom descended Richard Camp, (who married a Perry,) and Lemuel, whose widow yet survives.

It would appear, from an old record, that Jonathan, 1st, married a second time; but the afore-mentioned children are those of the first wife.

Stephen Camp, son of Jonathan, 3d, and Hannah, was the father of the late Mrs. John Partrick, and of the first Mrs. Henry W. Smith.

Esther Camp, the second daughter of Jonathan, 2d., and aunt of the late Jonathan, married James Fitch, grandson, it is probable, of James, the brother of Thomas (governor) and Samuel.

†The first New England Motts were from Wethersfield. Mark, the original Mott, son of the Rev. Mark Mott, of Chelmsford, England, (who was cousin of Rev. Dr. Mark Mott, Rector of Rayne, and of large estate in England,) married Barbara, daughter of Thomas Ady, M. D., of Wethersfield. Mark Mott died in Connecticut, in 1694, and left eight children. The Motts (New England Motts,) were from the same county and same town, in England, that several of the Norwalk fathers were from, and from the same *hamlet* whence the principal planter of this town emigrated.

‡STEPHEN KELLOGG, of Pew No. 39, was about three generations from Daniel Kellogg, the settler. Nathaniel Kellogg, and Joseph Kellogg are named in the colonial records as far back as 1649 and 1654. Daniel, forefather, lived in East Norwalk, where James L. Ambler, of modern date, built, and William G. Thomas has now purchased, and he owned the tract which extended from the coast bank on the north, as far south as the present street which runs parallel to, and is a few rods north of, the New Haven railroad, and as far west as the tract which Selectman Joseph P. Hanford (father of Captain Joseph P. Hanford), and his heirs since his day, have for nearly seventy years had the use of. The Kellogg ancestress was daughter of John Bouton, and granddaughter of Matthew Marvin, Sr., and Elizabeth; Daniel, the first, having selected his wife from the Bouton family whose home lot lay on the other side of the street, directly opposite his own.

Daniel Kellogg left two sons, Daniel and Samuel, from whom the old Norwalk Kelloggs trace their pedigree. Stephen, of St. Paul's, married, in 1778, into a family of direct descent from the foremother of 1665. His wife was the third child of Esaias Bouton, of Belden Inlet, and sister, consequently, of Nathan and Stephen Bouton, and of Mrs. Eliakim Warren, of Troy, and of Mrs. Jonathan Camp, 3d., of Norwalk. He went to Troy, and his son Josiah was in business there when the two brothers, Ebenezer and Samuel Wilson, crossed the Green Mountains, on foot, in the winter, to establish themselves there, and when Richard Grinnell, Robert McClellan, and Isaac Rogers were business cotemporaries. Stephen Kellogg's son, Eseck, remained in Norwalk, and married a daughter of Jacob Osborn. Mr. Osborn was from Salem, Westchester County, New York, and married Miss Betsey Jarvis, of Norwalk. He had six sons and two daughters. His fourth son, Charles, married for his first wife Huldah, daughter of Noah Jarvis. Charles and Huldah had six children, two of whom survive, viz.: Mrs. Charles H. Jennings, of Ridgefield, and Charles Frederick Osborn, late treasurer

of an adjourned meeting, thirteen days thereafter, when, with Hezekiah Jarvis in the chair, a vote was taken to build a house "of

of St. Paul's. Mr. Charles Osborn's second wife was Miss Mary Ann White. There were several children by the second marriage. Jacob Osborn's two daughters were Maria and Eliza Ann. Maria married Eseck, son of Stephen and father of vestryman Josiah Kellogg, and his sisters, Mrs. Barlow and the two Mrs. Wheelers, of Saratoga County, New York, and of the former Mrs. Charles F. Osborn, and of Mrs. Horace Fitch, of New Haven. Eliza Ann Osborn married Jacob Dauchy, of Ridgefield, a clerk, many years ago, of Captain William Jarvis Street, of Norwalk. Stephen Kellogg's cousin's (Epenetus Kellogg,) daughter Anna, married Daniel James, and Daniel and Ann (Kellogg) James were the parents of the late William K. James, and of his sisters, Sally and Mary Esther, the latter of whom married Samuel Hubbell, of Wilton.

‡Held until September, 1815, when it was sold, with reservation of Mrs. Lockwood's right to sit in it "whenever she is able to attend church."

There were at least two men of unquestioned genius, in early days, in St. Paul's parish. Jacob Osborn, the town and parish clerk, was of singular inventive capacity; and Edward Nash, oldest brother of Micajah, the choister, constructed astronomical tables. His reckonings are said to have been surprisingly accurate.

JOSIAH THATCHER, JR., of Pew No. 58, married Ann Reed, sister of Mrs. Isaac Belden, and mother of Mrs. Uriah Seymour, of South Norwalk, and aunt of the late Mrs. Lewis O. Wilson.

There were thirty-nine persons who did duty in the old Norwalk "Guard" during the Revolutionary War, and among them were sixteen of the first pew holders of the church of 1786; their names are:

ISAAC ISAACS - - - of pew 6	STEPHEN MARVIN - - of pew 36
JOHN PLATT - - - of pew 12	EDWARD WENTWORTH - of pew 42
LIEUT. ASA HOYT - - of pew 13	SAMUEL RAYMOND - - of pew 43
CAPT. STEPHEN BETTS - of pew 14	AARON ADAMS - - - of pew 44
REUBEN MOTT - - - of pew 16	JAMES CROWLEY - - - of pew 51
MATTHEW REED - - - of pew 18	JOHN SAUNDERS father and
CAPT. LEMUEL BROOKS - of pew 23	son - - - of pew 53
JACOB JENNINGS - - - of pew 34	SEELEY SQUIRES - - - of pew 54

Commodore Cannon's name is also upon the record.

ISAAC CAMP, occupant of Pew No. 9, lived in the "Silver Mine" district, in a house which stood on the opposite side of the street from, and somewhat below, the Abraham Camp residence. His son Abraham, of St. Paul's church, is distinctly remembered to-day. He was the free mason, whose office, for so many years, it was, to carry the draped bible, square and compasses, at the burial of a brother, and whose simple and natural, but reverent demeanor, made, if possible, even more impressive, the order's solemn rite of burial. The descendants of Isaac and Abraham Camp retain their ancestor's spirit of devotion to the weal of this parish.

Isaac Camp's children were ELIZABETH, who married Jemmy James, and ISAAC, JR., who married in Darien, and SETH, who died young, and MARY, who married Benjamin Bishop, the father of George G. Bishop, Esq., and ANNA and HARRIET, who were unmarried, and ABRAHAM, the youngest, who married Mary, sister of the late David St. John, warden of St. Paul's church.

Abraham Camp's living children are, Semantha (Mrs. Andrew James,) and Isaac, who resides in the old home, and William, of Brooklyn, and Hannah whose home is with her brother Isaac. Said Isaac (Abraham's son) married a daughter of the late James Wiseman, a man of truth and sincerity.

RICHARD CAMP, of Pew No. 15, married a niece of Dr. Leaming. The house was on France street, and stood about where stands the Sherwood House of later times. A large family was here brought up. The oldest son, Richard, Jr., married Elizabeth Perry, as previously noted, and lived in one of the Norwalk homes which lay towards Winnipauk; a home—and the same might be said of many of the homes of his time—which was of convenient proximity to the farm, and where the fresh and healthy air stirred, and which was bathed, as God meant our homes should be bathed, in the life-giving sunshine. Lemuel, another son of Richard Camp, Sr., married Polly, daughter of Noah Nash, and lived at the upper end of France street. He died years ago,

the same dimensions as Isaac Belden's house." Samuel Cannon, Henry Belden, Josiah Thatcher, 2d, and Richard Camp, 2d, were

but his widow, who has been for a long period an earnest and excellent member of St. Paul's church, still lingers, at a great age and in great infirmity, waiting to be called home

The children of Richard Camp, Jr., were Ruth, (Mrs. Charles N. Clock, deceased,) and Miss Eliza and Miss Margaret, alluded to on page 14; and Samuel R. P., a resident of New York, and Mrs. Charles St. John, of Main street.

NATHAN JARVIS, of Pew No. 22, lived on Town House Hill. He had eight children. His daughter, Esther, married Samuel White, Jr., grandson of Peter White and Elizabeth Jarvis. His son, Nathan, married Betsey Sandford; their children were Frederick S. (Capt. Frederick, of Westport,) and Mary A. (Mrs. Samuel Church,) and Elizabeth (Mrs. Solomon G. Taylor,) and Jane M., and William H., and Esther L. (Mrs. William St. John,) and Rachel, (Mrs. Bradley O. Banks,) and William O., and John H., and Charles, and the late Miss Catharine.

The occupant of Pew No. 57 was of a family from Brisset, England. Bolton, the New York historian, says: "Among the early settlers of this neighborhood (Vista, Westchester county,) may be mentioned Joseph Fayerweather, of Norwalk, who purchased about one hundred acres of land here. His wife, Catharine, was the neice of the second bishop of Connecticut."

There were several good and solid members of St. Paul's church who resided, many years ago, in West Norwalk; and among these the occupants of Pew No. 25. Nathanael Street, and Esther his wife, were the parents of Samuel, and Joseph, and John Street. The old Street house stood on the road leading from Norwalk to Darien, a few rods south of the West Norwalk chapel of to-day. In that house Dr. Kemper held his "cottage services," and Dr. Mead officiated. Samuel, son of Nathanael, was the father of the late much respected Chauncey Street. Joseph was the father of Edward Street, the first organist of St. Paul's church, who married one who, even at eventide, made life radiant by her willing attentions and kindness, the mother of Mrs. Charles T. Leonard. John was the parent of William Jarvis Street, who married a lady of high character and much benevolence of purpose, the sister of Jonathan Camp, 4th.

DAVID BOULT, of Pew No. 27, was a man who, it is inferred, could be counted upon. There were eighteen who paid more, and forty-nine who paid less for their pews than he; which seems to indicate his parish status straight through. The family (he remained here), removed to Norwalk, Ohio, and was influential, quite probably, in the founding of St. Paul's parish, in that city.

JACOB JENNINGS, the owner of Pew No. 34, took to wife Miss Grace Parker, (daughter of Dr. Parker, of Boston,) an English lady of rare gifts, whose conspicuous qualities elicited the admiration of the Norwalk people. Her society was sought, and the young people, in particular, seemed to court her company. The house, which is in good preservation to-day, stood on the southeast corner of Main street and North avenue, and within it was reared a large family. The oldest child, Lydia, married Abijah Mead. Grace, the second daughter, resided in New York city, and was the mother of the late Thomas Brady, a former member of Trinity school, New York, and afterward, and until old age, a member of St. Paul's church, Norwalk. There was a son, Seth, and the son next to him was Isaac, who married Miss Elizabeth Sammis, of Long Island. (Selectman Sammis, and most, if not all of the Norwalk Sammises of to-day, are of the same Long Island family.) Anna, a daughter, next younger to Clarissa, (Mrs. Bryant Jarvis,) married Nicholas VanAntwerp, the father of Edwin VanAntwerp, a resident, in past years, of East avenue. Jacob, Jr., married Miss Nancy Trowbridge, and was the father of the late George W. Jennings, and of his sisters Delia and Julia Ann. Charlotte married Dr. Fenton. Sally was the worthy Mrs. McClure, who lived and died in her father's home. Lawrence married Levi Clinton and resided in Patterson. Mrs. Abijah (Jennings) Mead was the mother of Mrs. Eliza Weeks, and grandmother of Carlisle T. Weeks.

The children of Isaac, son of Jacob and Grace, were Almira, (Mrs. Henry Hurlbutt and an old choir member); and Eliza, (Mrs. Nathan Whitehead, the mother of Mrs. James C. Newkirk); and Sally Ann, (who married Thomas Brady); and Cornelia, (the late Mrs. Henry Chase); and Antionette, (Mrs. Edward Messenger); and Gould D., (a vestryman of St. Paul's church, and who was respected by the entire mercantile community); and William S.; and Margaret, (Mrs. Joel Grumman) and Catharine, (the mother of Miss Nellie Baird, principal of the Norwalk Female Seminary,) and Joseph H., (the father of Isaac Jennings, of Trinity church, South Norwalk), and Edgar.

the building committee, and had full direction of the work. This was the parsonage house* which gave way, in 1849, to the present home of the rector. And now, with the church in good condition

The father of the Norwalk Jenningses, Jacob, of Pew No. 34, was a Bostonian. One of his sisters married a Redfield, another, it is thought, a Dimon, and another a Marquand. Isaac Marquand, founder of the famed New York city jewelry house of that name, studied his art in this town (in a building which stood immediately north of the Connecticut hotel) under the direction of his uncle, Jacob Jennings. Mr. Jennings' brother, or brothers, settled in Southport,

The father of the Thomas Brady, of St. Paul's church, was James, who married Jacob Jennings' daughter Grace. James Brady's father was Thomas Brodie—the Brady's, formerly Brodies, are of Scotch descent—and Thomas Brodie's wife was a French lady, of the family name of Celeste.

Seth Jennings, son of Jacob and Grace, married a Miss Trowbridge. He died on the Island of St. Thomas, of yellow fever. Lucretia Jennings, daughter of Seth, married Conrad Newkirk.

In Pew No. 35 sat Captain Joshua Bouton, of old Bouton blood, a relative of Esaias and Samuel, and who was engaged in the East India trade, his home being what is now the property of Mrs. Elizabeth McLean. Mrs. Captain Bouton was a Miss Margaret McLean, an individual of sweetly-blended virtues of character. Their daughter, Harriett, afterward Mrs. Langdon Mott, was a member of St. Paul's church choir, and sang in the church with Isaac Adams, of Westport, (father of Charles, of Norwalk,) and William Cornwall, and Miss Ann Boulton, and others. She appears to have been a lady of fine musical accomplishments, and her rendition of this portion of the church service, especially at festival seasons, earned for her highly flattering acknowledgments

The choir, in former times, was large, and almost filled the west gallery of the old church. Among Mrs. Mott's cotemporaries were Samuel Camp, and Jemmy James, and Eben and Charles Boulton, and the two sisters Boulton, and Miss Eliza Jennings.

An organ was first placed in the church about the year 1830, and a plate was put upon it memorizing the appropriation from the Betsey Hall fund, of one hundred dollars in aid of its purchase. The instrument was a small but pleasant-toned one, and was put in by Mr. Pierson, of New York. The line of St. Paul's church organists is as follows: Edward Street, Horace B. Gaylord, William A. Barlow, Edward Street, again, Miss Emily Street, Miss Susan Hubbell, Miss Mary Esther Camp, Mr. William M. Betts, Miss Mary L. Hoyt, Miss Alice Fitch, Miss Nettie Camp, Miss Ferry, Mr. Frederick H. Nash, Mr. Stephen Hatch, Mr. Edward Jackson, Miss Jennie Nash, and Messrs. Hatch and Jackson again.

The line of choristers from the consecration, in 1786, down to Dr. Mead's acceptance of the parish runs thus:

HEZEKIAH JARVIS,	JACOB BOULT,	JOSIAH CORNWALL,
ISAAC S. ISAACS,	CHARLES BOULT,	WILLIAM J. STREET,
HOLMES SAUNDERS,	WILLIAM CORNWALL,	JONATHAN CAMP, JR.,
BARNABAS MARVIN,	SAMUEL CAMP.	CHARLES FINNEY,
NOAH JARVIS,	HEZEKIAH BENNETT,	JAMES FINNEY,
DAVID BOULT,	GROVE CORNWALL,	ISRAEL LOCKWOOD,
WILLIAM BETTS,	ISAAC ADAMS,	REUBEN A. WILLIAMS,
JAMES JAMES,	DENNIS NASH,	HORACE B. GAYLORD,
NATHAN JARVIS,	URIAH TAYLOR,	WILLIAM A. BARLOW.

OBADIAH WRIGHT, of Pew No. 45, was from Westport. He was formerly the owner of the tract to the river, whereon the new Christ church now stands. His granddaughter is a member of Christ church parish, Westport.

The owner of Pew No. 46, Mr. Eliakim Warren, having removed to Troy, New York, sold it, on August 15th, 1801, to Jonathan Camp.

PETER JAMES, the owner of Pew No. 49, was the grandfather of William K. James. Daniel, the third son of Peter and Mercy James, was born in 1773, and married (January 18th, 1798,) Anna Kellogg. Their second child, William K., was born September 15th, 1800. He was one of Norwalk's substantial men, and a liberal son of the parish.

*See note page 65.

and a proper abode for their clergyman, action as follows was taken:

“We, the subscribers, being desirous to establish a permanent

One of our oldest church families was that of Asa and Betsey (Stuart) Olmstead, (father and mother of Dr. David W. Olmstead, and his sisters Julia and Fanny), of Belden's Hill. Mr. Asa Olmstead belonged to St. Matthew's parish, Wilton, but during the closing years of its existence himself and family attended at the St. Paul's, of 1786. His son, Dr. David W., studied under Rev. Dr. William Smith, and graduated at the New York Medical College. He was unmarried, as was also his sister Julia. His sister, Fanny, married William Harrington. His cousin Charles (father of two communicants, in 1886, Mrs. Edwin and Mrs. George Beers) resided in Cranberry Plains, and his cousin, Silas, lived at Tarrytown-on-the-Hudson, and was one of the wealthy and most prominent citizens of that place. The nearest Norwalk descendants of Asa and Betsey Olmstead, now living, are the widow of Murrain Raymond, and Mrs. Julia Ann Hayes, and Mrs. Andrew Selleck.

Captain Alfred Taylor, of Poplar Plains, nephew of Paul Taylor, of West Norwalk, is probably the oldest churchman in St. Paul's, or either of its daughter parishes. He was born in 1791, and was, therefore, something of a child when the pews were first disposed of, in 1794. He is too infirm to attend upon the public services of religion, but his faculties, with the exception of his hearing, are remarkably preserved, and the fervor with which the rare old faithful (whose memory antedates the rectorships of Dr. Mead, Dr. Kemper, Dr. Sherwood, and Dr. Judd and extends through that of Mr. Whitlock, to the rectorship of Dr. Smith) engages in the private offices of the church, is impressive. He has come, with the partner of his days—four years his junior—gratefully, to the ending of a long life, both of them speaking tenderly of the blessings which, through the pilgrimage, have been vouchsafed them; and, together, looking hopefully forward to re-union in the land of endless youth and ceaseless song.

*Around the old parsonage (see cut) crowded many interesting associations. Beneath its roof Mr. Whitlock spent the concluding months of his parish connection, and Dr. Judd went in and out, and Dr. Sherwood resided for fourteen years. It was Mr. Richmond's temporary home, and he planted a tree outside of it which reminds us to-day of the birth of a daughter within it. Dr. Kemper thoroughly enjoyed, and Dr. Mead was much attached to it. Under its shade such as Drs. Harry Crosswell, and Francis L. Hawks, and William Shelton were welcomed. Bishop Brownell there met his gathered clergy. Bishop Benjamin T. Onderdonk knew the place. Dr. Muhlenbergh spent many pleasant hours therein. Dr. William F. Morgan read in its study. Dr. Thomas W. Coit was accustomed to its tones of greeting, and so was Dr. Gurdon S., his brother, and Dr. Ambrose Todd, of Stamford, and Revds. William Jarvis, and David and Abel Ogden, and Charles I. Todd, and B. M. Yarrington, and John Purves, all gone with the exception of the well remembered rectors of St. Thomas', New York, and Christ church, Greenwich.

The ancient spot witnessed to protracted discussions, and brave attestations to the church's doctrines, and advocates of modern “developments” found no audience. The sound old churchmen thought and taught that it is by the spirit of the Lord, that the world progresses, and the notion, that because of the march of mind truth must change its base, seemed as senseless to them as the fear lest the “chaotic tendencies of Hume and Hobbe” should supplant the Divine revelation seemed shallow.

Three parishes, in this old Episcopal see, were wont to be represented within the hospitable walls of that parsonage: The three—formerly as now—important cures of Western Connecticut: St. John's, Bridgeport, St. John's, Stamford; and St. Paul's, Norwalk. The rectory of the latter, standing about midway between the other two, and close on to the old Post Road, naturally became the place where the clergy would frequently meet. The Revs. Philo Shelton, Jonathan Judd, and Reuben Sherwood, and, later, Drs. Gurdon S. Coit, Ambrose S. Todd, and William Cooper Mead, were cotemporaries. These clergymen were of one mind with regard to ecclesiastical polity, and the fundamentals of the faith; their laity were churchmen from conviction, and during an era marked by “departures,” the parishes were a unit in insisting that there should be “no tampering with the landmarks.” The three have gone growingly on; each can count, in missions, or in established parishes, at least five daughters; and although the easternmost ranks its sisters in having been the first to rear, upon “a fair site,” a noble temple of stone, beautiful within and without, a temple worthy of the parish antecedents, still the other two have no cause to look regretfully back upon their achievements.

fund for the support or maintenance of the rector or minister of St. Paul's Church or society in the town of Norwalk, county of Fairfield, State of Connecticut, and in consideration of the provisions and

It will do no harm, perhaps, to add that the parsonages of 1806, and 1742, were conveniently situated as pertains to a particular other than that of a clerical gathering point. The inmates of these glebe houses were favored in being about the first of our citizens to obtain "the important news" which in olden times was dispatched by special messengers from Boston to New York. It was the practice, with these agents, in their passage through a town, to "shout forth" to its listening inhabitants any piece of intelligence which might be of general interest, and their approach to the town or village was announced by the sounding of a horn. This horn was blown, for Norwalk, on the hill at the foot of which stood the ancient rectory, and the blasts called the resident at once to his dooryard. During the reign of one of the Georges, the birth of an heir, apparent or presumptive, was in this manner published to our people. The shrill "tooting" of the tidings-bearer was heard as he galloped down "Jarvis Hill," and the denizens along the Green ran out to learn what the tidings might be. The messenger sped across the common, crying loudly, "a Prince is born, a Prince is born," but one of our old rector's neighbors was not satisfied; he wished to know more concerning the matter, and would interrogate the courier; but the rider dashed on, leaving behind him the echoes of the proclamation, "a Prince is born—a prince is born."

PARISH BRIEFS.

Some one says that the greatest poets have "learned in suffering what they taught in song." The church of 1786 was born of struggle, but it burst forth eventually in brightness, and, when finally completed, was an object of admiration. Its symmetrical proportions; its curved door and window headings; its artistic spire, tapering, in perfect lines, towards the sky; its concave ceiling, and graceful chancel arch, and paneled gallery fronts; the pure, pearl tint, reigning within, relieved pleasantly by the choir hangings at the west, and by the plush or damask desk, and pulpit drapery at the east end, and by the cushioned pews, and carpeted aisles, gave to it a certain individuality, and made it a sort of survival of olden-time ecclesiastical taste.

The fine row of Lombardy poplars in front of it (look again at cut of church) were set out, it is probable, in the spring of 1802. The parish made a purchase of between twenty and thirty of these tender-legended saplings, and distributed them through the church yard. They gave a kind of sober dignity to the spot, and are not, by any means, forgotten to-day.

Neither has the tower room (the open space behind the choir) with its raised seats, and aisles branching to either gallery, passed quite out of memory. It was not an inconsiderable portion of the church in ancient times, and its south window (first tower window over the front door, as shown in cut) is referred to as having given a particularly cheerful atmosphere to the unpartitioned apartment. The colored people once occupied this space, and in the days before the organ was introduced, their voices, in response and song, were wont to come in deep volume from it, over the gallery elevation. Latterly, and after the organ was placed in the church, a little room was parted off in that portion of the edifice, through which access was had to the belfry.

Dr. William Smith was a composer of music, and during his rectorship awakened, doubtless, a taste for more fluent and attractive melody. Chanting was comparatively unknown, at that day, in this land, and a strong prejudice existed against it, so that no great progress in it was made at St. Paul's further than that the singers themselves became much engaged in the matter. One of Dr. Smith's successors seemed averse to it also, but the choir was persistent, and finally made use of an argument which prevailed. They arranged for a musical serenade to their rector, and prepared a choice programme. The selections (in chanting) were so delightful, and their execution of the same so skillful, that resistance ceased. Chanting was introduced, and so unusual was the practice, and so perfect was the old choir's performance of it, that visitors from the city came to the town and church to listen to it.

One of the most efficient members of the choir, in the past, was Mrs. Edward Smith (Esther Benedict,) daughter-in-law of Rev. Dr. William Smith, and mother of the present William D. and Henry Smith, and also aunt of the late Mrs. LeGrand Lockwood, and of Mrs. Charles F. Raymond, now residing in Knight street. Mr. and Mrs. Smith were married, on May 22d., 1811, by the

stipulations hereinafter contained, do promise to pay, to the wardens and vestrymen of said parish or society for the time being, such sum

Rev. Dr. How, of Trinity church, New York, and their song-home stood near the pleasant knoll opposite to Henry Belden's house. The remembrance of the "rehearsals" within it is not yet effaced. The family pew was No. 24, south side of the church.

Prominent among the twenty-seven choirsters, from the consecration, in 1786, down to Dr. Mead's acceptance of the parish, was Mr. Samuel J. Camp, who lived in the house now standing, on the north-west corner of North avenue and Camp street. He was fond of music, and the choir was often at his house, and, when intent upon its trial of some new piece or anthem, his appearance (long curls flowing over his shoulders, and tune book in one hand, and tuning-fork in the other and beating time with both), was striking, and indicative of earnestness. The "singing schools" at choirster Camp's house were quite a social feature, and among their frequent neighborhood visitors were Hon. Thaddeus Betts and Mr. Charles Robert Sherman.

The line of four tower windows in the old church, and the series of small sky windows in the spire above the belfry, were brightly illuminated on the eve of the Nativity: which spectacle, heightened by that of the reflection of a burning candle from every pane in the nave, and voiced by the tones of the church bell borne cheerily out upon the electric air, was not only a brilliant but an inspiring one, at the glowing tide when Christmas "set its warm kiss upon the inner man of the heart." The old church was a marvel of beauty on Christmas Eve, and the susceptibilities of our fathers, to the charms of the grateful season, were remarkably keen. The church yard was black with people waiting for admission to the service on the night "which, to the cottage as to the crown, brought tidings of salvation down," and of such account was the festival, in the estimation of one of the worshipers in the church of 1786, that from the hour of lighting the candles, on Christmas Eve, all work on the part of the farm hands was suspended for the next *twelve days*.

While Christ church parish, Westport, was being organized, some fifty odd years ago, a "crisis" occurred. Subscriptions were slow, and the funds were running low. Approaching Mr. Daniel Nash, who was much interested in the matter, and who stood in the aisle or at the stove in old St. Paul's, Dr. Kemper remarked, "Uncle Daniel, I purpose to double my subscription for Saugatuck." "*Then I must double mine,*" was the reply. The result of which was the addition of several hundred dollars to the treasury, and the completion and consecration of the church.

Dr. Kemper was not only fond of parish visiting, but he made systematic work of the duty. Among his parishioners from a distance were a father, his son, and their families, who dwelt beneath one roof. The pastor dined in one side of the house, and supped in the other.

The *first* church, built by the parish, stood in the north-east corner of the present church grounds. It was used for church purposes about five years, and then converted into a parsonage. After about seventy years, service it was finally taken down in 1806.

The *second* church was built in 1743 and was in dimensions fifty-five feet by forty-two feet. It was destroyed in 1779, and after worshiping for a few years in a temporary structure, the parish erected the church of 1786, over the ruins of the one that was burned, and of the same dimensions.

Stephen Marvin is alluded to, in the centennial address, as having drawn the first stick of timber for the church of the last century. This was a fact, but the honor was coveted by another. Mr. Jemmy James said, in the hearing of Mr. Marvin, that it was his intention to be ahead of any one else with an offering. Then Mr. James, answered Mr. Marvin, you will have to get up very early in the morning. Stephen Marvin lived where his grandson, Josiah Raymond, of Westport, now lives. Jemmy James lived towards Belden Hill. Both were astir betimes, but Mr. Marvin was first upon the ground.

The large vane which, alike in balmy air or furious blast and during sunshine or through continuous rain, turns, a faithful indication of the course of the winds, formed, in the beginning of the nineteenth century, a target for a young city lad, (afterwards a vestryman of Trinity church, New York), who was staying in the place. The lad was a clever marksman, and on this occasion he took very excellent aim. The picked up path-side stone was unerringly directed, and the vane fell to the pavement.

or sums as are applied to our names respectively, on the following terms or conditions, viz :

Payment shall be made in the following manner, one-fourth part at or before Easter Monday, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, one-fourth part at or before Easter Monday, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, one-fourth part at or before Easter Monday, one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, one-fourth part at or before Easter Monday one thousand eight hundred and twenty, with the lawful interest from Easter Monday one thousand eight hundred and sixteen on the whole amount of said subscription, and that annually, and the interest or income shall be applied to the support or maintenance of said rector or minister."

The Propagation Society's prayer books, which belonged to the former church, with the rector's marginal or interlined addition of successive sovereigns' names, in the prayers for rulers, are kept in the parsonage. The communion table and rail, with the desk which was used in the same church, now stand in the Sunday school room, and the old pulpit is preserved.

The west-end door of the church of 1786, a door fastened together with wrought nails, and hung with long iron hinges, and furnished with an old-fashioned door handle and latch, is preserved, folders, head piece and mouldings, almost intact.

An instrument for "pitching ye tune," and used as long ago as in the church of 1742, is now the property of Frederick H. Nash, a descendant of Dennis Wright and of Micajah Nash, choristers of that day.

The following is one of the provisions of a will dated Norwalk, November 23d, 1761. Isaac Isaacs, son of Ralph, bequeaths "unto St. Paul's church, in said Norwalk, the sum of fifty pounds, New York money, to be laid out in plate for the use of the communion, for ever, in said church, and my name to be put upon the plate." Witnessed by Jeremiah Leaming, John Belden, and Joseph Hitchcock. The fund has disappeared, and further facts concerning it cannot be obtained.

St. Mark's parish New Canaan, is St. Paul's oldest daughter. It was incorporated in 1790. St. Matthew's, Wilton, is next oldest, it having been organized, in 1802; Christ church, Westport, (1834) follows next; then Holy Trinity, Westport, (1860); and Trinity, South Norwalk, is youngest daughter.

St. Paul's church, Norwalk, Ohio, was organized, in 1820, with eight communicants—FIVE of whom were from St. Paul's parish, Norwalk, Connecticut: These were Luke Keeler and Jemima, his wife; John Keeler and his wife; and Ruth Boulton. Luke Keeler, senior warden of St. Paul's, Norwalk, Ohio, from its incorporation until his death, in 1859, was the son of Phineas Keeler and Mary Camp. Mary Camp was born December 5th, 1748, and was daughter of the Jonathan Camp, of that date. Norwalk, Ohio, is the namesake of Norwalk, Connecticut; and the St. Paul's of the former is not only a namesake, but may almost be said to be a daughter of the St. Paul's, of the latter.

During the incumbencies of the brothers, Caner, the parish numbered one hundred families.

There were one hundred and seventy communicants belonging to the parish at the commencement of the Revolutionary War.

After the withdrawal of the New Canaan and Wilton families, St. Paul's still numbered one hundred and twenty households.

There were two hundred and twenty-four communicants in the parish when Dr. Kemper came to it. Nineteen communicants were added during Rev. Mr. Richmond's charge.

The circular window work, in the church of 1786, was made by Daniel Nash, the grandfather of Messrs. Edward and Andrew Nash, of Westport.

Lovers of old narrations will excuse, perhaps, this desulory recital of parish memorabilia.

Two or three conditions are appended, after which some of the names and figures are : Ebenezer D. Hoyt, \$700; Jonathan Camp, \$600; Samuel and LeGrand Cannon, \$600; Daniel Nash, \$550; Daniel Nash, Jr., \$500; Henry Belden, \$500; Isaac Belden, \$500; Esaias Bouton, \$300; Josiah Church, \$300; Paul Taylor, \$300; Richard Camp, \$250; Nathaniel J. Street and William J. Street, \$250; Abraham Camp and Thomas L. Camp, \$240; Eseck Kellogg and Ebenezer Church, \$325; Hezekiah Jarvis and Nathan Jarvis, Jr., and Isaac Church, \$290; forty-one others in different amounts, \$1,775. Total, \$7,980.

The fact and the figures speak; and this accomplished, the next agitation was that of the school question, the outcome of which was the construction, in 1821, of a parish school house. It was built by a stock company and upon the church property. The shares were in number one hundred, and their value twenty dollars each. Samuel Cannon subscribed for ten shares; Henry Belden, ten shares; William J. Street, for ten shares; Daniel Nash, Jr., ten shares; Josiah Church, ten shares; Daniel Nash, five shares; Eseck Kellogg, five shares; Nathan Jarvis, five shares; Jonathan Camp, five shares; Isaac Belden, five shares; Richard Camp, three shares; Jesse Curtis, three shares; Dennis Nash, two shares; Joseph Platt, two shares; Abraham Camp, two shares; Benjamin Isaacs, two shares; and Rev. Reuben Sherwood, the balance, eleven shares.

The building cost \$1,375, and a report to that effect was made to the shareholders at a meeting, held February 5th, 1822, and a call for the amount, being thirteen and seventy-five one hundredths dollars per share, demanded: all of which was upon motion of Mr. Eseck Kellogg accepted and granted. The building was used for day and Sunday school purposes until 1844, when it was sold and removed, and the matter closed up by the receiving, in April of that year, a note for \$456.75, and the sale of the academy bell for \$40.

On June 15th, 1818, a number of the members of the parish met at the house of E. D. Hoyt, Esq., and adopted the constitution of what was termed "The Norwalk Episcopal Society for the promotion of Christian knowledge," which had for its object "the establishment of a society's library, the obtaining and as far as practicable the gratuitous distribution of the Bible, Book of Common Prayer and religious tracts. The constitution had fifty-seven signers, including the Rev. Reuben Sherwood, in all probability the leading spirit in the matter, and Hezekiah and Nathan and William Jarvis, and William J. and Edward Street, and Jonathan Camp, Sr., and Jr., and LeGrand Cannon, and Isaac and Henry Belden. and John and Charles Isaacs, and Eben and Edwin Hoyt, and Ebenezer Church,

1st., and David St. John, Jr., and Eseck Kellogg, and William Cornwall, and Margaret and Esther Mary Belden, and Rebecca Cannon, and Betsey Church, and Esther Street, and Lucretia Newkirk, and Mary E. St. John. Meetings were regularly held for several years, and quite a sum of money received and disbursed. The final meeting, of which we have any minutes, was the annual meeting of October 29th, 1824, at which time William J. Street was elected vice-president, and E. H. Street, secretary, and E. Hoyt, treasurer, and William K. James, librarian; while Jonathan Camp and Eseck Kellogg and David St. John were chosen collectors. This was the foundation, at least in modern times, of our present parish library.* The last subscription paper which can with any propriety be claimed as ancient, and this for the single reason that it holds two names which were on the subscription rolls of 1821 and 1816, and one of them was on the subscription of 1792, is dated forty-seven years ago this month, and is the subscription list for this present edifice of the parish. The two names to which reference is made are those of Jonathan Camp, Sr., and Benjamin Isaacs, both of whom lived to a good age, but neither of them long enough, thank God, to unlearn the glorious old time lesson of generosity, but together gave for this calm and beautiful house of prayer the sum of \$600.†

There have been legacies left to the parish, the incomes from which are helpful to it; and one bequeathment has been made from which those who come after us will derive the benefit. The corner stone, a solid block, for the stone church in which, divine providence so ordering and permitting, the centenary of 1986 will be held, is even now laid.‡ Other records may be lost or obliterated, but such, never, whilst immortality endures.

The report which summarizes the accomplishments of a century which is completed, must of necessity embrace performances with which all are more or less familiar, and these consequently need no detailed explanation. The corner-stone of this fifth parish church was laid in 1840, and the church was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Benjamin T. Onderdonk, in 1841.

A new parsonage was built in 1849, and in 1854 a new organ was procured. The sum of \$1,125 was paid for the site of the new Trinity Chapel, South Norwalk, the corner-stone of which was laid

*This library, in 1797, numbered sixteen volumes.

†The subscription paper for the new church (of 1840) was put into the hands of Messrs David St. John, Jr., S. F. Mills, Jonathan Camp, Jr., Asa E. Smith, and William Atwill, committee. Before this committee was appointed, Mrs. Sarah MacGregor, of Main street, had contributed \$400.

‡The legacy of the late William K. James.

in 1860, and a stone church erected, under the direction of Rev. Dr. Mead, John H. Smith, Jonathan Camp, and Charles F. Osborn, building committee, the cost of which church was nearly \$8.000.

In 1868 a chancel was added to this church, and stained replaced its plain glass windows; the furniture of this chancel was the gift of a summer worshiper,* whose tasteful bounty enriched the chancels of both the church and South Norwalk chapel.

Between 1836 and 1879 over one hundred thousand dollars passed from the parish for objects wholly outside its limits. From 1885 to the present time, between twenty-eight and twenty-nine thousand dollars have been raised.

But while it may be thought, and justly, too, that many words have been spoken, it can truly be declared that much remains to be said. May some industrious hand be found to gather of the harvest which is left.†

My dear Right Reverend Father, and my dear brother, the reverend rector of the parish, when he to whom was courteously intrusted the preparation of this paper was privileged, two years since, to stand in your presence in this holy spot and witness the approach within a single year to this memorial rail, for the laying on of hands, of some two hundred of the children of the old parents resting, he was impressed; how could it be otherwise; yet ought we to accept the fact of this great and gratifying success, without recognition, also, of the earnest faith and piety of those who laid in the years that are dead such strong foundations? Borrowing, in part, the language, is not that which makes 1886 such a memorable year the fact that so many marvels have already been wrought? We beg with profound deference to pray that the God of Seabury and of Jarvis, and of Brownell, may bless with the completest temporal and spiritual health and wealth, their beloved successor; and may he who was with Mead, and Kemper, and Sherwood, and Whitlock, and Bowden, and Leaming, and Dibble, be with him who is walking this day in their footsteps. And for you, descendants of the admirable ancestors of this historic patrimony, the Lord our God be with you as he was with the fathers. May he never, never leave you nor forsake you. Amen and Amen.

*The late George Platt, Esq.

†This harvest has, as an important contribution, the record of the diligence and devotion of those who have lived, and labored, and gone to their rest, in times comparatively recent, the roll of whom is here presented. The

recollection of many of these communicants is yet tender, and of them, consequently it fails to the future annalist to treat with historic impartiality.

Miss MATILDA PROWITT,
 Mrs. ELIZA SELLECK,
 FREDERICK CHURCH,
 Mrs. NANCY SKIDMORE,
 Mrs. EBENEZER CHURCH,
 CARMI LOCKWOOD,
 SAMUEL CHURCH,
 Mrs. JESS SMITH,
 JAMES MOODY HOYT,
 Mrs. GARRETT H. NEWKIRK,
 Mrs. CELINA PARTRICK,
 Mrs. HANNAH KROGER,
 Mrs. CHARLOTTE ST. JOHN,
 Mrs. THOMAS MERRILL,
 Mrs. LAURA LOCKWOOD,
 Mrs. SARAH STREET,
 CHARLES HOYT,
 Mrs. ISAAC CAMP,
 Mrs. ELIZABETH STREET,
 Mrs. HENRIETTA AIKEN,
 Mrs. MARGARET WOOD,
 Mrs. DEBORAH ANN MONTGOMERY.
 Miss BEECHING,
 Mrs. SUSAN VIRGINIA SHERRY,
 Mrs. WILLIAM ST. JOHN,
 Mrs. MARY HOYT,
 JOHN FITCH,
 Mrs. EDWARD STREET,
 Mrs. LYDIA STAATS,
 Mrs. SAMUEL CHURCH,
 DAVID ST. JOHN,
 REUBEN A. WILLIAMS,
 DANIEL PARSONS,
 GEORGE HOYT,
 Mrs. EMILY LOCKWOOD,
 Mrs. LUCINDA CORNWALL,
 Miss HATTIE HURD,
 Mrs. JOSEPH W. HUBBELL,
 Mrs. WHEATER,
 Mrs. HANNON,
 Miss SARAH JARVIS,
 FREDERICK HUBBELL,
 Mrs. FANNY HARRINGTON,
 ISAAC CHURCH,
 Miss ANN BRYAN,
 Col. ALBERT H. WILCOXSON,
 Miss MARGARET BELDEN,
 Mrs. MARIA HARLAN MEAD,
 Mrs. WILLIAM C. STREET,
 Miss MARIA BRYAN,
 Mrs. COLONEL FERRIS,
 CHARLES H. STREET,
 Mrs. CAROLINE PLATT,
 ASA E. SMITH,
 JONATHAN CAMP,
 Mrs. MARY GRAY,
 Mrs. NANCY ST. JOHN,
 Mrs. HARRIETT FINNEY,
 Mrs. LYDIA MITCHELL,
 Miss EMMA SMITH,
 Miss AMELIA BELDEN,
 CHARLES SHERRY, Jr.,
 GEORGE PLATT,
 Mrs. JOHN ISAACS,

SAMUEL LYNES,
 THEODORE E. SMITH,
 Mrs. CHARLES JARVIS,
 Mrs. JOHN P. BEATTY,
 Miss LAVINIA JARVIS,
 JAMES A. HOYT,
 Miss SOPHIA BRYAN,
 SAMUEL LYNES, M. D.,
 Miss BELLE PLATT,
 Miss AMELIA JARVIS,
 Mrs. HARRIETT WILSON,
 Mrs. JOHN G. QUIGLEY,
 Mrs. LAURA CRAW,
 Mrs. MARTHA WILCOXSON,
 THOMAS BRADY,
 Mrs. ASA E. SMITH,
 HENRY W. SMITH,
 Mrs. ESTHER RAYMOND,
 CHARLES SHERRY, Sr.,
 HENRY BUTTERWORTH,
 JOHN A. MCLEAN, M. D.,
 ALFRED JACKSON,
 Miss ELIZA HOYT,
 Miss JULIA CAMP,
 Miss ELIZA CURTIS,
 JAMES WISEMAN,
 Miss JULIA M. OLMSTEAD,
 Mrs. SHULTZ,
 JOHN B. ORCUTT,
 Mrs. SARAH ANN PINKNEY,
 Mrs. DR. W. A. LOCKWOOD,
 Miss MARY JARVIS,
 Miss CATHARINE JARVIS,
 Mrs. THOMAS BRADY,
 Mrs. ESTHER BEERS,
 Mrs. CAPT. ALLEN,
 Mrs. EDWARD SHEPPARD,
 Mrs. ROBERT ELLS,
 Mrs. AMANDA ECKFORD,
 Mrs. SUSAN ST. JOHN,
 Mrs. ANGENNETTE MALLORY,
 Mrs. ELIZA WHITEHEAD,
 Mrs. CATHARINE BAIRD,
 JOSEPH W. HUBBELL,
 Mrs. DORINDA LOCKWOOD,
 JAMES W. PINKNEY,
 SAMUEL E. OLMSTEAD,
 Mrs. ISRAEL LOCKWOOD,
 Miss SALLY NASH,
 Mrs. WILLIAM KELLOGG,
 Mrs. CHARLES PARTRICK,
 HARVEY P. TERRELL,
 Mrs. GEORGE HOYT,
 BRADLEY O. BANKS,
 GOULD D. JENNINGS,
 Mrs. LUCRETIA DASKAM,
 Mrs. BENJAMIN BARRACLOUGH,
 Miss ELIZA LOCKWOOD,
 CHAUNCEY STREET,
 Mrs. WILLIAM BAXTER,
 HENRY HOLMES,
 Mrs. HENRY HOLMES,
 Miss SARAH HOLMES,
 Mrs. POST.

Felicitous phrases concerning the worth of the departed may be a gratifying tribute; well weighed biographical statements may be valuable testimony; but the best memorial of membership in the church below, is a blameless walk in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord. May such excellence, on the part of its children, constitute the glory of St. Paul's parish through all coming generations.

APPENDIX.

APPENDIX.

THE services on July, 15th, 1886, in St. Paul's parish, were of a highly interesting character. The following is the invitation, which had been addressed to the right reverends the bishops of the church in the United States, and to the clergy of the diocese of Connecticut, and to many others, both clergymen and laymen, in different parts of the union:

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✻CENTENARY✻

St. Paul's Church,

NORWALK, CONNECTICUT.

You are cordially invited to attend the centennial commemoration of the consecration of St. Paul's Church, Norwalk, Connecticut, to be held on Thursday, July 15th, 1886.

This service will commemorate the first consecration of a Church in the United States.

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Holy Communion, - - - - - 10:30 a. m.

Sermon, by the Bishop of Connecticut.

Address, by Rev. E. E. Beardsley, D. D., and others, with an

Historical Address by the Rev. Chas. M. Selleck, - - - 2 p. m.

Visitors will be entertained by the ladies of the parish immediately after the morning service.

The clergy will please bring their surplices.

HOWARD S. CLAPP,
Rector.

Norwalk, Conn., June 21, 1886.

The day broke under a gray sky, and the weather during its early hours, was unfavorable. This, however, did not prevent a goodly congregation from assembling for the introductory service, at half-past ten o'clock., a. m., at which hour some thirty of the clergy, having previously robed in the rectory, preceeding the bishop of the diocese, marched to the main entrance of the church. The hymn "O God our Help in Ages Past," was the processional; on reaching the chancel, the lines divided, and between them Right Reverend John Williams, the bishop of the diocese, followed by the Rev. Howard S. Clapp, the rector of the parish, and the Revs. Drs. Beardsley and Vibbert, and Rev. Mr. Selleck, passed into the sanctuary. In the choir of the chancel sat the rectors and pastors of the five daughter parishes of St. Paul's: The Rev. Messrs. Bell, Williams, Lewis, Meyrick, and Coley. The remainder of the clergy occupied reserved front seats in the middle aisle.

The bishop began the anti-communion office, Rev. Mr. Selleck reading the epistle, and the Rev. Dr. Beardsley reading the gospel. After the singing of the hymn "With One Consent Let all the Earth." The bishop preached from Psalm XCIII: 6, "Thy Testimonies, O Lord, are very sure; Holiness becometh thine house Forever." The sermon was one of rare power; its palpable idea being The Strength and Perpetuity of Truth and the Church.

The holy communion was celebrated, the bishop being consecrator, and the rector, assisted by the clergy, within the sanctuary, administering. At the conclusion of the morning service all visitors were the guests of the parish; and at half past two o'clock, p. m., the bishop, with the rector and Rev. Dr. Beardsley and Rev. Mr. Selleck, re-entered the chancel. The hymn "O Come loud Anthems" was sung, and the Rev. Dr. Beardsley made an address of marked force and interest. The hymn, "O Render Thanks" followed, and, after the reading of the historical paper which forms the body of this book, the doxology was sung. The bishop then read the concluding collects, and gave the final benediction, and a memorable day in the parish closed beneath a cloudless heaven, and with happy auguries for the future.

THE VISITING CLERGYMEN.

RT. REV. JOHN WILLIAMS,	-	-	-	CONNECTICUT.
REV. DR. E. E. BEARDSLEY,	-	-	-	NEW HAVEN.
REV. WILLIAM D. VIBBERT, D. D.,	-	-	-	FAIR HAVEN.
REV. DR. GIBSON,	-	-	-	UTICA.
REV. M. M. FATHERGILL,	-	-	-	QUEBEC.
REV. JOSHUA KIMBER,	-	-	-	NEW YORK.
REV. W. W. MONTGOMERY,	-	-	-	MAMARONECK.
REV. WILLIAM FITCH,	-	-	-	BROOKLYN.
REV. J. W. BONHAM,	-	-	-	NEW YORK.
REV. GEORGE P. HEBBARD,	-	-	-	JERSEY CITY.
REV. CHARLES G. ADAMS,	-	-	-	SOUTHPORT.
REV. JOHN TOWNSEND,	-	-	-	MIDDLETOWN.
REV. C. C. CAMP,	-	-	-	NEW HAVEN.
REV. SYLVESTER CLARKE,	-	-	-	BRIDGEPORT.
REV. JAMES E. COLEY,	-	-	-	WESTPORT.
REV. J. H. FITZGERALD,	-	-	-	MILFORD.
REV. LOUIS FRENCH,	-	-	-	DARIEN.
REV. A. N. LEWIS,	-	-	-	WESTPORT.
REV. H. L. MEYRICK,	-	-	-	NEW CANAAN.
REV. W. C. ROBERTS,	-	-	-	ANSONIA.
REV. G. P. TORRENCE,	-	-	-	BETHEL.
REV. MILLIDGE WALKER,	-	-	-	BRIDGEPORT.
REV. JOHN R. WILLIAMS,	-	-	-	WESTPORT.
REV. THOMAS BELL,	-	-	-	So. NORWALK.
REV. W. W. WALKER,	-	-	-	STRATFORD.
REV. EDWARD RIGGS,	-	-	-	STAMFORD.
REV. M. B. DUNLAP,	-	-	-	REDDING RIDGE.

The committees appointed to make arrangements and have general charge of the ceremonies were as follows:

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Rector, and Senior and Junior Wardens.

COMMITTEE ON INVITATIONS.

THE REV. HOWARD S. CLAPP,	-	-	-	CHAIRMAN.
MR. ST. JOHN MERRILL,				REV. C. M. SELLECK.

COMMITTEE ON HOSPITALITY,

HON. ASA SMITH,
CHARLES E. ST. JOHN,
A. CARMİ BETTS,
LEGRAND C. BETTS,
GOOLD HOYT,

CHARLES F. OSBORN,
WILLIAM H. SMITH,
DR. C. W. MANY,
W. S. MOODY, JR.,
SAMUEL BEATTY.

DECORATION COMMITTEE,

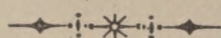
MISS CARRIE SMITH,
MISS ELINOR L. SMITH,
MISS M. M. WEAVER,

MISS ANNA P. MERRILL,
MRS HARRY BALCOM,
MRS. M. LOUISA LEONARD.

MISSIONARIES, MINISTERS IN CHARGE AND RECTORS OF
ST. PAUL'S, 1737 TO 1886

REV. HENRY CANER, - - - - -	1737
REV. RICHARD CANER, - - - - -	1738
REV. JOHN OGILVIE, very brief charge, - - - - -	1749
REV. JOHN FOWLE, temporary, - - - - -	1851
REV. EBENEZER DIBBLE, - - - - -	1756
REV. JEREMIAH LEAMING, D. D. - - - - -	1758
REV. EBENEZER DIBBLE, D. D. - - - - -	1779-1784
REV. JOHN BOWDEN, D. D., - - - - -	1784
REV. MR. FOOTE, - - - - -	1789
REV. GEORGE OGILVIE, - - - - -	1790
REV. WILLIAM SMITH, D. D., - - - - -	1797
REV. HENRY WHITLOCK, - - - - -	1800
REV. BETHEL JUDD, - - - - -	1811
REV. EVAN M. JOHNSON, - - - - -	1813
REV. BETHEL JUDD, - - - - -	1814
REV. REUBEN SHERWOOD, - - - - -	1816
REV. HENRY S. ATWATER, - - - - -	1830
REV. JACKSON KEMPER, D. D. - - - - -	1831
REV. JAMES C. RICHMOND, - - - - -	1835
REV. WILLIAM COOPER MEAD, D. D., LL. D., - - - - -	1836
REV. CHARLES M. SELLECK, - - - - -	1881
REV. HOWARD S. CLAPP, - - - - -	1883

Officers of the Parish, 1886.



SENIOR WARDEN.

ALLEN BETTS; Vestryman, April 13th, 1857; Warden, April 10th, 1871,

JUNIOR WARDEN.

EDWARD K. LOCKWOOD; Vestryman, April 13th, 1868; Warden, April 14th, 1884.

VESTRYMEN

JAMES FINNEY, first elected to vestry,	-	April 17th, 1843.
JOSIAH KELLOGG, - - - -	-	April 5th, 1863.
GEORGE WARD SELLECK, - - -	-	April 22d, 1878.
ASA SMITH - - - - -	-	April 11th, 1881.
CHARLES T. LEONARD, - - - -	-	April 10th, 1882.
LEGRAND JACKSON, - - - -	-	April 10th, 1882.
HOMER MERRILL - - - - -	-	April 14th, 1884.
WILLIAM H. SMITH, - - - -	-	April 5th, 1885.
DANIEL C NASH, - - - - -	-	April 16th, 1886.

TREASURER.

EDWARD K. LOCKWOOD, - - - April 26th, 1886.

CLERK,

ST. JOHN MERRILL, was elected April 11th, 1881.

OFFICERS AND TEACHERS OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

REV. HOWARD S. CLAPP, - - - Superintendent.
 ST. JOHN MERRILL, - - - Assistant Superintendent.
 ALLEN BETTS, - - - Parish Librarian.
 GEORGE DARROW, - - - Sunday School Librarian.

MISS ALICE FITCH,
 MISS SARAH L. STEVENS,
 MISS LAVINA BROTHERTON,
 MISS NELLIE ST. JOHN,
 MISS LILIA SELLECK,
 MISS CARRIE SMITH,
 MISS LAURA P. MERRILL,
 MRS. GEORGE HUNTER,
 MRS. SAMUEL H. BARNES,
 MRS. ST. JOHN MERRILL,
 MRS. LEGRAND JACKSON,
 MISS ADA BETTS,
 MRS. EDWARD M. JACKSON,
 MISS KATIE KROGER,
 MRS. AMELIA WILLIAMS,
 MRS. RUFUS FILLow,
 MRS. THEODORE E. SMITH,
 MISS ANNIE B. MERRILL,
 MISS CARRIE L. SMITH,
 MISS CATHERINE CAMP,
 MISS LOTTIE WHEELER,
 MISS MILLIE G. SMITH,
 MISS GERTRUDE CAMP,
 JULIUS F. PARTRICK,
 MRS. JULIUS F. PARTRICK,
 MISS AMELIA C. WILLIAMS,
 MISS ELLA BYXBEE,
 MISS JESSE PARSELLS,
 HENRY WILLIAMS,
 MISS SARAH E. FITCH,
 MISS ELLEN MERRILL,
 AUGUSTUS C. GOLDING,
 MISS MINNIE KELLOGG,
 MRS. HANNAH L. SMITH,
 MRS. WALLACE DANN,
 LEGRAND JACKSON,
 MISS MILLICENT M. WEAVER.

THE REV. HENRY CANER, of Fairfield. had evidently officiated in Norwalk before the organization of the parish, in 1737. A petition, with several hundred signatures, was, in 1738, addressed to the General Assembly, by the churchmen of Connecticut. To this paper there were forty-two Norwalk signers; which number probably embraced *all* the male members, over sixteen years of age, of the church of England, in this town. The names are these:

JOSEPH HITCHCOCK,	JOSEPH KETCHUM, JR.,
JOSEPH LOCKWOOD.	NATHAN NASH, SR.,
ISAAC BROWN,	LEROY SANDERS,
RALPH ISAACS,	SAMUEL JARVIS,
JONATHAN CAMP,	SAMUEL JARVIS, JR.,
NATHANIEL FITCH,	JONATHAN ATHERTON,
LINDLE FITCH,	JOHN SHERWOOD,
JAMES BETTS,	JOHN BEERS,
JOHN WILLIAMS,	JOHN BEERS, JR.,
NATHAN SMITH,	ANDREW MILLS,
HUGH STONE,	NATHAN BURRELL,
WILLIAM PEARSON,	WILLIAM MILLS,
NATHAN OLMSTEAD,	JOHN BANKS,
ANTHONY BEERS,	MICAJAH NASH,
EDWARD NASH,	THOMAS JELLIFF,
NATHANIEL HAYES,	RICHARD PARTRICK,
JAMES HAYES,	JOHN PARTRICK,
JOHN JEFFECK, (?)	BENJAMIN KEELER,
JOSEPH KETCHUM,	EPHRIAM LOCKWOOD,
HAYNES HANFORD,	DAVID WHELPLY,
JOSEPH HITCHCOCK, JR.,	DAVID KELLOGG,

At a parish meeting, held October 7th, 1784, Thomas Belden, moderator, the following action was taken :

“VOTED, that a petition be prepared to the Honorable General Assembly, at their session of instant October praying some relief for the loss of the Church. Also,

VOTED, that Mr. John Saunders be the society’s agent for the above purpose.”

The meeting’s appointee was thus accredited: “This certifies that the within named, John Saunders, was appointed agent, by the Episcopal Society, in Norwalk, at a legal meeting, convened on 7th of October, 1784, for the above and foregoing purpose.”

Certified by

HEZEKIAH BELDEN,

Society’s Clerk.

The text of the petition is as follows:

“That said professors, some years since, at a very great expense, and with much difficulty, (as their numbers were few), built themselves, in said Norwalk, an elegant and decent church, and well furnished the same at their own cost and expense; where said professors for many years back had a minister regularly settled, and performed divine service at their cost, and still have the gospel preached among them, and are now formed into a society agreeable to the privilege, by statute law, lately given to the Episcopal church in this state.

That in the month of July in the year of our Lord one thousand and seven hundred and seventy-nine, the enemy then at open war with the United States of America, burnt up and destroyed said church to the great impoverishment and distress of said professors; and that said professors have ever since been put to a great inconvenience for want of said church to meet in and carry on public worship; and whereas said professors are subjects of said state, and being such, have met with said loss in the course of the late war which was estimated by your honorable committee at about twelve hundred pounds lawful money; said professors are induced to look up to your Honors for relief or some assistance towards obtaining or furnishing themselves with a church again in order to have a place convenient for divine service.

That said professors are very desirous to have a church again to meet in for public worship, but are unable to build one without the assistance of your Honors; and as the loss of said church is a misfortune in the course of a war said professors have reason to hope for relief from your Honors in the premises.

Wherefore your honorable memorialists in behalf of said professors, humbly pray your Honors to take their unhappy case, situation, and circumstances into your wise consideration, and grant said professors the sum of five hundred pounds, lawful money, for the purpose aforesaid, or such other sum as your Honors in your great wisdom shall judge suitable; or in such other way grant relief in the premises as shall be thought proper, and your members as in duty bound shall ever pray.”

“The prayer of these petitioners is negatived.”

The subjoined roll is made up from the calendar of the Connecticut colonists, prior to 1655, who have had representatives in Norwalk, and from the Norwalk calendar of 1664-5. The descendants of these are the descendants of our *very oldest families*.

ABBITT,
BARTLETT,
BARNUM,
BEACHMAN,
BEEBE,
BECKWITH,
BELDEN,
BENEDICT,
BETTS,
BISSELL,
BOUTON,
BRYANT,
BUCKINGHAM,
CAMP,
CAMPBELL,
CHURCH,
ELY,
FITCH,
GREGORY,
HALES,
HANFORD,
HAYNES,
HOMES,

HOYT,
JENNINGS,
KEELER,
KELLOGG,
LOCKWOOD,
LUPTON,
MARVIN,
MARSH,
MORE,
MORGAN,
NASH,
OLMSTEAD,
PERRY,
RAYMOND,
RICHARDS,
ROGERS,
RUSCOE,
SENSON, [ST. JOHN,]
SEAMORE, [SEYMOUR,]
SMITH.
WEB,
WHITINGE,

CLERGYMEN OF THE CHURCH WHO WERE NATIVES OF
ST. PAUL'S PARISH.

RT. REV. ABRAHAM JARVIS,
THE REV. DAVID BELDEN,*
THE REV. MELANCTHAN HOYT,
THE REV. JAMES KEELER,†
THE REV. WILLIAM JARVIS,
THE REV. LEGRAND FINNEY,
REV. CHARLES M. SELLECK.

*Grandfather of Nathan Marvin Belden, of Wilton, and great-grandfather of the Rev. Charles M. Belden, (son of Nathan M.), of Wilton.

†Uncle to Edward Keeler Lockwood, junior warden and treasurer (1886) of St. Paul's parish.

ADDITIONAL PARISH NOTES.

The Rev. Henry Caner visited Norwalk, as missionary, as early, evidently, as 1729, and divine service was performed probably at private houses or, possibly, where a parish meeting was held in later times, at "ye old school house."

Let it be borne in mind that what are now "the green" and the parsonage and church yards and grounds, was, in 1737, a tract of "common or undivided lands," called Mill-Plain, the upper portion of which, the precise site of the present church and its rear yard, was used for a public sheep-fold. The Connecticut Turnpike had not been opened, although a street ran from north to south across the plain, on the eastern side of which, and about where is located the recent Flavius Clark purchase, were, it is believed, the house, garden, and grounds of Lieutenant William Lees. The original grant of land, 1733-4, to the Professors of the Church of England, from the proprietors of the Norwalk Common Lands, was one-quarter acre on 'ye plain before Lieutenant Lees' door," and Joseph Platt and John Marvin were constituted a committee to lay out the same. In the extreme north-western angle of Officer Lees' dooryard stood a rock, and a point sixty-six feet west, bearing south, from that rock, was the established north-east corner of the future St. Paul's territory. From this point, marked by a "heap of stones," the line ran along the street, "south and westerly," two hundred and one feet, which at that day formed the church frontage. From the south-east point the line took a somewhat north-westerly direction for about fifty-seven feet; thence an easterly course "nine rods and eleven feet," thence north-westerly "two rods and a half, where is erected a heap of stones for ye north-west corner." Within these limits was the proprietors' grant, as marked out by their committee, but a mere paper grant until the day before Christmas, 1736, when at the instigation of Ralph Isaacs, the lot was surveyed, and preparations for its occupancy began. During the next few months (we have now reached the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of these events), the parish was organized, and a small church building, which was afterward converted into a parsonage, was erected upon the extreme northern or north-eastern part of this grant. Here the Rev. Henry Caner came, weekly, from Fairfield, and officiated. His brother Richard, who succeeded him, was the first settled rector of the parish, and, while he was at St. Paul's, action looking to an addition to the church grounds was taken. It was but a short time

before a second church was built, more toward the south, and in an enlarged lot. This was the church which was burned, in 1779.

RALPH ISAACS, who was one of its first two elected wardens may justly be denominated a founder of St. Paul's parish. He bought of Benjamin and Esther Lines, of Fairfield, some six acres, between the present properties of Frederick T. Betts and Mrs. James A. Hoyt, and this was the home of the parents of the Norwalk Isaacses. Several of our fathers, Isaac Hayes, Goold Hoyt, John Cannon, and Colonel Thomas Fitch, went to Fairfield for their wives. Ralph Isaacs did the same. He married Miss Mary Rumsey, of the latter place, in 1725. He had four sons, Samuel, Isaac, Benjamin, and Ralph, and four daughters, Mary, Esther, Sarah, and Isaac. His oldest son, Samuel, married into one of Norwalk's early families, that of James Brown, Esq. Samuel Isaacs and Mary Brown were the parents of Isaac Isaacs and Samuel Brown Isaacs, of extensive "rights, titles and interests" in Westchester County, New York; the ancient home of whom, in that county, a home where Washington and his staff were entertained, is, says Bolton, indicated to-day by the door step, which is yet in its place, and by the famous pear tree, nearly two hundred years old, which is still standing and still annually in bearing. The Mary Isaacs referred to in foot note, page fifty-two, was the mother of these brothers, and the family name is one of high respectability.

The "ISAACS HOUSE" which was recently taken down, was built by the father for his sixth born, Benjamin. The story of the home is this: "On the sixteenth day of January, 1750-1, Ralph Issaacs bought of John Seymour, of Norwalk, the land which is now covered by the Opera house and adjoining stores, post-office, railway station, bank, Hour building, pharmacy, Masonic temple, and private residence and grounds, five acres and thirty-four poles for a sum equal to about six hundred dollars. The eastern boundary of the property was the 'highway by harbor,' the northern the 'country road,' the southern the 'homelot land of Captain Samuel Keeler,' (Captain Keeler was father-in-law of Charles Hoyt's sister, Mrs. Joseph Keeler), and the western, the 'land under improvement by James Brown.'" Mr. Isaacs added to the area by the purchase, March 12th, 1752, from Joseph Simpson, of New York, of one and three quarters acres, price \$100. This extended his domain as far as to West avenue, with the exception of a plot near the northwestern corner, which was owned by James Brown. A building, the late

Isaac's house, was now constructed upon the northern line, between which and the stores which were reared, one by one, upon the eastern boundary, rose the distinctly remembered "Isaacs Hill." On February 16th 1759, the "full half" of this property, the "northern half" was deeded to Benjamin, son of Ralph, with the "new dwelling house erected on the same." Benjamin married Sarah Scudder. It is believed that there were three Scudder brothers, who came about the same time to America. One of them, Isaac, settled in Norwalk, and here married Elizabeth, daughter of Joseph St. John, who resided upon what has in later times been known as the Charles B. White place. Benjamin and Sarah (Scudder) Isaacs, had five children: Isaac S., the oldest, and father of the late Judge Benjamin Isaacs, and his brothers William, Charles, and John; Benjamin, who married a Sackett, and had no children; Sarah, who married into the Rogers family; and Esther, who married Amos Belden, and removed to Dutchess County, New York. Benjamin's (son of Ralph) life was short. He died at the age of thirty-seven. His widow married David Bush, of Greenwich, and was the mother of six children by this marriage. Among these children was Charlotte, afterward Mrs. S. Buckingham St. John of East avenue. At Benjamin Isaacs death, the Isaacs house and land fell to his son, Isaac Scudder Isaacs, who married Susannah, sister of Stephen St. John. These had four children, Benjamin (Judge), William, Charles, and John. After Isaac S., and Susannah Isaacs' day, Benjamin, their eldest son, became owner of the property, no small portion of the original extent of which is now held by his descendants. This same Judge Isaacs was the immediate forefather of the Norwalk and New Rochelle Lynes and Lockwoods, and Weeds, and Hills, and Coleses. The second daughter of Ralph Isaacs, Esther, married a citizen of Long Island, and was ancestress of the Woolsess and Dwights of undisputed fame throughout the continent. Ralph, Jr., removed to Branford, New Haven County; and Grace, the last child, and daughter, was foremother of the New Haven Ingersolls and Gregories of official and social distinction in this commonwealth and nation. Ralph Isaacs, the father and founder, is buried Down Town.

JAMES BROWN is another of St. Paul's corporators who may properly be alluded to at this anniversary tide. Careful investigation seems to assign to him descent from a British family, concerning which Huntington in his history of Stamford writes thus: "The

Browns were early in the ancient Stamford, Lincoln, and they were also of no little repute. Their monuments still speak of their fame." Mr. Brown was an attorney of Norwalk, and a conspicuous mover, in 1737, in parish affairs. His father (James), who was "admitted an inhabitant" of Norwalk, in about 1685, was a pioneer New England settler. He had four sons, Elisha, Isaac, John and, James, and at least one daughter, Ruth. James, the lawyer, married a New Jersey lady, and his residence is designated by him in an old document, as "my mansion house in Norwalk." He had seven children. He was one of the first proprietors of Bridgefield, and was a house-and-land-owner in the colonies of Connecticut and New York. With William Smith,* of New York, he purchased about eleven thousand acres in the latter state. His daughter Mary, married Samuel, son of Ralph Isaacs, and his eldest son, James, born in Norwalk, in 1720, moved to the State of New York, where he was an ardent friend of the church, and gave to it about one hundred acres of land. James Brown, the settler, died, somewhere near 1709; James, 2d., died, in 1769; James, 3d., died February 19th, 1786, about five months before the church of 1786 was consecrated.

There have been a number of St. Paul's members who have borne the name of Hoyt. It is one of the very oldest family names in the land. Simon Hoyt landed in Massachusetts as early as 1628-9. Remaining some few years in the eastern portion of the colony, he came to Fairfield somewhere near 1646. There was, in the Seventeenth Century, a small inner island, about five miles east of the Norwalk Islands, which was called "Hoits Island." He was its owner. It is stated that he left Fairfield for Stamford about 1650, although Huntington claims him as a 1642 Stamford pioneer. There was a Thomas Hyoute in Stamford, in 1651. (There is ground for believing that Hoyt and Hyatt were originally the same family name.) Thomas Hyoute—Hyat—Hoyt, died, in 1651, and Simon, September 1st, 1657. Walter, the first Norwalk Hoyt, was Simon's son, probably, and came to Norwalk, from the same town from which Simon, at or near the same time, went to Fairfield. He was an ancestor not without a record. His homelot bordered upon the ancient road to Fairfield, and, in about 1671, he was one of the nine largest land owners in town. He was deputy, in 1667,

*William Smith, who was lawyer James Brown's partner in this transaction, is supposed to have been the last century's noted New York City lawyer of that name and who subsequently was Chief Justice in the Canadian provinces.

to the court in Hartford, and a petitioner, in 1672, with Richard Olmstead, Thomas Benedict and others, for the "beginning of a plantation neare the backside of Norwalke." Zerubbabel and John Hoyt were Walter's sons. John married a Lyndall, of New Haven. His sons were John, Samuel and Thomas. From these sons, (Zerubbabel's children seem to have been mostly, if not all, daughters), the Norwalk Hoyts can, it is fair to presume, trace their descent. There is one distinction to which this family (the Hoyt family of Norwalk) is entitled. Their ancestor, Walter, was, in all probability, the first of this town's fathers to be found in the western world. He lived in East Norwalk, just where the New York down trains were, until recently, compelled to stop before crossing the bridge.

In the historical topography of Norwalk, that portion of the township which is known as lower East avenue abounds in local associations, and is a point of civic interest.

A number of its homes were not simply ancient and nothing more, they were tenanted by men of influence and importance in primitive New England and New York times. On the corner below the present homestead of George W. Cram, Esq., (now in the possession of the Hendricks family), was the residence of a widely named colonist, and an efficient and eminent Continental commander. This was Colonel Thomas Fitch, who, during the period of the French and Indian hostilities, rendered splendid service, and whose signal abilities found an arena at the seat of executive action at the capitol of the colony. Somewhat below the colonel's house, and on the opposite side of the street, dwelt his father, the accomplished scholar, gentleman and ruler, GOVERNOR THOMAS FITCH.

Still further south, and a little over the hill (now Earl's Hill), was the home of the governor's parents, and nearly opposite to them abode one of the four court—designated commissioners, who, in 1673, ran the boundary line between Connecticut and New York. In this neighborhood resided one who was nominated, with John Winthrop and John Mason, and others such, in Charles II. Charter of Connecticut; almost exactly where the railway now crosses the avenue, was the cradle of four who were in after years ranked among the most successful business men of the century, and whose mercantile methods warrant high commendation; while the esteem

in which three notable men whose homes lay in the same vicinity were held knew no recession. These are facts worthy of, at least, respectful recollection.

The following is a copy of a manuscript letter in pencil (and now becoming illegible), of Dr. Kemper to Mr. Richmond. It is written on the first page of a small, unbound transcript of the former's official acts in the parish, and, with the exception of a sheet of cap paper filled with the statement of Rev. Henry S. Atwater's doings, is the oldest Rector's Register of St. Paul's parish in existence. Between two pages of the book is a fragment of a leaf which records an undated marriage and burial by Dr. Judd. There was a Parish Register in 1760; but it was probably consumed with Dr. Leaming's library. The register which Dr. Kemper presented to the parish (the condition which he imposed was fulfilled) is in the keeping of the present rector.

“TO THE REVD. JAMES C. RICHMOND :—

MY DEAR BROTHER :—

This book is imperfect, but it is as correct as I have time to make it. If you have a taste for these things you might, in a few weeks, fill up the blanks I have left. You will find in the hands of my excellent friend, Mr. Jonathan Camp, Jr., a parochial register (blank) which I have presented to the parish upon condition that they have THIS book copied therein. In the larger book you will find the names of two of my predecessors. They might likewise be copied in the register, if you think proper. It is usual, I believe, to have the name of the rector at the bottom of each page.

In great haste,

Affectionately yours,

JACKSON KEMPER.

27 October 1835.”

This letter was written by Bishop Kemper, who continued his charge of St. Paul's for a short time after his consecration,

FITCH FAMILY MEMORANDUM.

The name is German. Braintree, which, in the particulars of direction and distance, bears the relation to London, England, that Norwalk bears to New York City (about forty miles north-east) was peopled, originally, by Flemish emigrants. Bocking, a village in Braintree, Essex county, was the home of Thomas Fitch, the progenitor of the American family of that name. He had, if the tradition is correct, *five* sons, *three* of whom (we have no definite knowledge concerning the other two) accompanied their mother, after her husband's decease, to this country. Thomas and Joseph came to Norwalk (Joseph remained here but a short time, until 1655) and James went to Norwich. We trace the following line of descent :

THOMAS FITCH, Sr., (son of Thomas, of Bocking, in Braintree).

THOMAS FITCH, Jr. (son of Thomas, Sr.)

"MR." THOMAS FITCH (son of Thomas, Jr.)

GOVERNOR THOMAS FITCH (son of "Mr." Thomas Fitch.)

Governor Thomas Fitch therefore, was not the grandson, but the great-grandson of Thomas Fitch, Sr., son of Thomas of Bocking. Thomas Fitch, Sr., came from England to America somewhere between 1635 and 1640, and settled in Norwalk between 1640 and 1652. He was one of the forefathers of the town, and his house lot was north of, but not a great distance from, the present grounds of Henry M. Prowitt, Esq. He had five children, viz.: Thomas, Jr., John, Ann, Mary, and Mrs. Bur. His oldest son, Thomas, Jr., reported in 1671-2, four children. His second son, John,* had three children viz.: John, Jr. Rebecca and Nathaniel. In the will of the father, Thomas, Sr., who lived to extreme age, occurs this passage : "After great expense in civil wars in England, and transportation of myself and family, and settling myself in America, and distributing portions to my child-

*John Fitch, second son of Thomas Fitch, Sr., and great-uncle of Governor Fitch, married a daughter of Nathaniel Richards. Nathaniel Richards came to America, in 1632. He went first to Hartford, and from thence removed to Norwalk, and was an "important and useful man." The ship which brought the father of the Olmstead's to these shores, brought hither the Richards' father also, and the two fellow passengers' home tracts in Norwalk faced each other, that of the latter extending from East avenue, (near the present property of Isaac H. Campbell) as far west as to the river. The Richards descent embraces a large family, including the New Canaan and Darien Richards, and also the Richards, of Troy, New York. The Fitch-Richards descent includes some of the Brooklyn Parkers, and, by connection, Mrs. Charles S. Lockwood, of Norwalk, in whose possession is a small copy of the scriptures containing the name, (possibly the autograph) of "Rebekah" (the *first* Norwalk Rebecca Fitch), and in all probability the same Rebecca who was daughter of John Fitch, Sr. The penmanship of the signature is the hand-touch of culture, and, evidently, of character.

ren according to my capacity and ability, that which remaineth in my hands (I do) grant and bequeath as followeth : To son John, dwelling-house, barn, homelot, land, grain, cattle, horses : to my daughter Ann (Mrs. John Thompson, of Farmington) * * * : to my daughter Mary (wife of Captain Matthew Sherwood * * * : to my son John's wife, the linen in the trunk (the old transportation trunk, probably) : to my daughters and daughter-in-law, one silver spoon each : to my grand children, John and Nathaniel (John's children) * * * : to grandson John, my fowling piece, small gun, belt and sword : to THOMAS, MY GRAND-CHILD, ONE PARCEL OF LAND IN THE NECK.

Thomas, Jr., died, it is asserted, in 1690, which was before the will was made, and the explanation of the silence of that will concerning three of his children, and of the fact that there is no other record of them, (as far as the author is able to ascertain,) is that they died before reaching man's estate. Be this as it may, one of the family, only one, and he the youngest, is a legatee ; this one, "*Thomas, my grandchild,*" was to be parent of a future ruler of his Majesty's colony of Connecticut. "Mr." Thomas Fitch, as he is designated in the old town records, but "Captain" Thomas Fitch, as the court at the Capitol denominated him, was born in 1671. He early acquired notoriety, being king's commissioner in Norwalk from 1691 to 1694, and the honored father, in 1699, of the son whose destiny it was to be to draft a new constitution for Yale College, and to frame laws which his sovereign pronounced superior, and to attain to the highest office in the colony. He had four children : Samuel, the Crown's Justice, from whom loyal children of St. Paul's sprang ; and Thomas, the Governor, who was the ancestor of some of our worthiest citizens ; and James, deputy to the General Assembly ; and Elizabeth. His son, the future chief magistrate, graduated (at the twentieth commencement of Yale College, in a class which numbered fourteen members), in 1721, and married, in 1724, Hannah Hall, and to them were born ten children, viz., Colonel Thomas, Jr., Jonathan, Ebenezer, Hannah, Mary, Timothy, Hezekiah, Elizabeth, Esther, and Giles.

"COLONEL" THOMAS FITCH, JR., born in 1725, was an important person in the colony. He was Lord George's Justice from 1761 to 1772, and was chosen in May, 1768, Lieutenant Colonel of the Ninth Regiment. (He had commanded, in 1758, four regiments encamped at Greenbush, before Albany, and was the instigator, at

that time, of the composition of "Yankee Doodle,"* afterward adopted as one of our National airs). He was called by the Governor of Connecticut and his Council to join with them in the discussion of certain propositions which had been submitted to them, by the Royal Commissioners, for trade in Great Britain. He was Senior Colonel and commanded the sixteen colonial regiments, "four from Connecticut, two from New York, two from New Jersey, and eight from Massachusetts, Rhode Island, the provinces or Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont." He had six children, Thomas, Andrew, Richard Hall, Sarah, Mary Esther, and Thaddeus Hill. (The last died in infancy.) After living out his three score and ten years he died, a few days before the death of his wife, and is buried at her side, and a few feet distant from his father, beneath a slab upon which is the record:

THOMAS FITCH, ESQ.,
Died Jan. 16th, 1795,
Age 70.

Mrs. "Colonel" Thomas Fitch was Miss Sarah St. John Hill, daughter of Captain Thomas and Hannah Hill, of Fairfield. But one headstone marks the graves of both husband and wife, and nestled near them is a little innocent (named after its mother's brother), whose life-story is graven thus on the mossy stone:

THADDEUS HILL,
son of
THOMAS AND SARAH FITCH,
died Oct. 21st, 1770,
aged 11 months.

JONATHAN, the second son of the governor, was two years younger than Thomas, but became a man of mark. He was high sheriff during a longer period than any one had before held that office, and the length of his term has not been exceeded by any of his successors.

EBENEZER, who left home early, and who died at the age of thirty-three, gave one son to the army, in which he rose to the

*This tune has, by one who is no mean authority, been styled "a native air of New England." It was "composed," and afterward frequently played by the British in contempt of our regiments. But the tables were, on *one* occasion, turned. Burgoyne's five thousand seven hundred and ninety-one captured men were compelled to keep step to the strain when, on October 17th, 1777, they stacked their muskets at Saratoga. The "instigator," not *author* of the tune (that is, the commander of the regiments in derision of whom, so it is claimed, the air was arranged, for "horns and fiddles, fifes and drums,") lived near the next corner north of the Earle grounds, on East avenue, and now fills a colonial colonel's grave in the East Norwalk burying enclosure.

rank of Major ; and had another who was prominent in the civil service ; and still another who was the grandfather of a woman of superior excellence, and who, at the date of her death (1879), was, it is probable, the oldest native resident of Saratoga County, New York. Her "pure life, great intelligence, and strong individuality of character, made her the idol of her friends and neighbors." Governor Fitch, very properly, made mention in his last testament of Jabez, Ebenezer, Giles, and Hannah, his fatherless grandchildren.

HANNAH, born in 1731, was the first daughter to gladden the parents' hearts. She bore the name of her New Haven mother, but like the delicate sea-pinks which edged her father's spray-besprinkled meadows* "down in the fields," she bloomed beautifully and quickly blanned. She died at the age of fourteen.

MARY, sixteen months younger than her sister Hannah, married at the age of eighteen, and was the mother of Thomas Fitch Thatcher, who dwelt, many years ago, on the summit of what the fathers called "Drye Hill," the first rise beyond the North Center school house, and which is now (1886), the site of several picturesque homes.

TIMOTHY, the fourth son, was bred, and lived, and was buried in Norwalk. He was born in 1735, and married Esther Platt, June 8th, 1764. Several of his children removed from Norwalk. *William* married a Hanford, and took up his residence in the West. His children are Judge John Fitch, of Toledo ; Edward, formerly of the New York Custom House ; Mrs. Mary Brian, and Mrs. Ann Daws. The daughters live in different parts of Ohio. *Edward* married in Norwalk, and went to Troy, New York. He was the father of Mrs. Angenette Hall, of that city, and grandfather of the Hon. Benjamin H. Hall, and his brothers and sister now residing in Troy. *Thomas* was visited, in 1865, in Ohio, by a relative, and found to be in comfortable health at the age of eighty, cared for by two sons and one daughter. *Hannah* married Captain Asar Belden,† a member of St. Paul's Church, who was an officer in the Revolutionary war, holding the commission of Captain of Artillery. He was with Warren, at Bunker Hill ; with Washington, when he

*An historian in the eastern part of Connecticut mentions the tradition, "that the Fitches always selected their farms beside rivers." It is noticeable that the older Norwalk Fitches purchased largely of water-bordered lands. They owned Oyster-Shell Point, Fort Point, Fitch's Point, Gregory's Point, and around Cow Pasture Point, almost, if not quite, to the Westport canal. They owned largely of the islands, also, and Mrs. Col. Thomas Fitch's father made his daughter a present of a good share of Cockenoes Island.

†See note page 94.

evacuated New York ; and with Wooster, when he fell, a little distance north of Ridgefield street, and he helped to bear the brave leader from the field. The home of Hannah and her husband was about three miles distant, in a northerly direction, from St. Matthew's Church, and the soldier and his partner are buried near the grave of her brother Edward, in the yard down town. There were two sons *Timothy* ; one died in childhood, and the second was born in 1769. There were two *Nancys*, also. Nancy, the first, born in 1775, soon died ; *Joseph* was born in 1777, and *Nancy*, 2d. was born in 1781. She married Thomas Hart Taylor, of Westport. From *Charles*, born in 1790, and who married Miss Anna Nash, descended Betsey (Mrs. Jacob Scribner, of Wilton), Sally Ann (Mrs. Charles Fox), Timothy B., of Norwalk, (who married Anna E. Stephens, of North Stamford), and William, who was unmarried and died West. And when fails the remembrance of *Esther* (Mrs. Samuel M. Fitch), and of *Sally* (Mrs. Jabez Raymond), two fond old-time Norwalk memories will have faded. Simplicity of manner, and genuine geniality of nature, and hospitality such as these sisters possessed and dispensed, made life a poem.

HEZEKIAH, the Governor's fifth son, married into a branch of the Fairfield family, which entertained such colonial gentry as General LaFayette, Benjamin Franklin, and Timothy Dwight ; a family which Trumbull visited, and the members of which saluted John Hancock when he was wedded within their residence ; "the coiffures, sprinkled with diamond dust, the long-waisted gowns, the shimmer of silks and satins, the ribbons, laces and ruffles, the gems that sparkled on wrists and bosoms, the glossy queues, the plum colored coats and velvet small clothes, the white silk stockings, the elaborate ruffles at wrists and throat," making the occasion a memorable one ; and the same circle, sorrowing with the stricken, when in the same home lay Madame Hancock,

†Captain Asar Belden's first wife was sister of the late Levi Taylor, of Wilton, and their children were William (Yale graduate) ; Charles and Joseph, both of whom died young ; Lewis and Benjamin, physicians in New York City ; Daniel, a resident of Brockport, N. Y. ; and Annie, who married Noah, father of the late lamented Samuel E. Olmstead, of St. Paul's vestry. The children by his second wife (Hannah Fitch) were George F. and Platt Belden. Platt removed to the state of New York. The children of George F. were, the late George F., Jr., (who married Louisa Cornwall), and Mr. Henry H. Belden of Westport. Captain Asar Belden was brother of the Rev. David Belden, a former presbyter of the church who officiated in Wilton. At a parish meeting held in November, 1796, steps were taken to secure the Rev. Mr. Belden's services for St. Paul's, until Dr. Wm. Smith's arrival. Rev. David Belden's sons were, John A. (father of Nathan M. Belden, now of the Connecticut Legislature, and a resident of Wilton) and David H. Belden, of Newtown, whose sons Reuben and Howard, are at present engaged in an extensive business in this country and Australia. John Arms, and David H. Belden had several sisters: one of whom is Mrs. Tweedy, of Danbury.

shrouded for burial. One of the later descendants of the family became the wife of the late Morris Ketchum.

ELIZABETH FITCH, who was born in 1738, and who married Andrew Rowland, of Fairfield, was the brave woman who, in 1779, when the shot was flying thick and Fairfield was on fire, remained alone in her dwelling, and facing the foe, asked for protection. This heroine, brought up under the now spreading elm, on East avenue, which her father planted, and who has been pronounced "an accomplished lady," calmly sleeps in her husband's town, and a stone in the yard hard by Fairfield's charming street, informs the stranger that—

ELIZABETH ROWLAND,
The widow of Andrew Rowland, Esq.,
and daughter of the late Governor Fitch,
of this State, died March 29th, 1825,
in her 87th year.

The founder of her husband's family came to Fairfield in 1669. Andrew Rowland was of the third generation from Henry the settler. He died twenty-three years before his wife, and one item, which he by will bequeathed, was an "estate lying south of Lake Erie, and conveyed by grant, by the General Assembly, to me and others, of one-half million acres of land." The fine Rowland residence, which is to-day such an ornament to the Fairfield street, is the home of one of Andrew and Elizabeth Rowland's descendants.

The Governor's youngest daughter, ESTHER, lived only twenty-nine summers. She was unmarried, and her dust, with that of GILES, who was taken away at two years of age, is garnered close by that of her celebrated parent and brother in the highly-to-be venerated burial ground, down town, a ground which will always, it is to be hoped, be respectably and respectfully protected and preserved by the authorities of this ancient town.

This memorandum is confined to the descent in this country, and more especially in this part of the country, of the family for remarks pertaining to which these last leaves of the appendix are reserved. That there are those who claim for the Fitch fathers abroad, baronial connection and the dignities of knighthood, is no secret, but investigation as to such particulars would be foreign to the design of these pages. There are recitals, of interest to many, perhaps, who have been referred to in the previous lines, which

would be entirely legitimate in a work of less restricted scope. The author's departure, in this addendum, from the plan of the work, a plan which has for its object the perpetuation of parish memories, is because of the pride which, as a citizen of Norwalk, he has felt in this matter. One, quoted before, thus moralizes over the inability to obtain, in one of its birth places, and that one this town, reliable information concerning this same family: "*Sic transit gloria mundi*: so soon pass out of human sight all traces of family greatness, in the very places where those who bore its honors highest carved their names the deepest." It may be, it is, undoubtedly, often so, but in this instance not altogether so, happily. At all events, the writer asks that credit be given his native town for the preservation of at least a few of the links in the pedigree-chain of that family, the Norwalk head of which (Thomas Fitch, Sr.) was the great-grandparent of one of the most eminent executives of the company and colony of Connecticut, and the grand-uncle of one (Major James Fitch) who contributed the glass and furnished the nails for the only building which constituted the original Yale College, and the great granduncle of John Fitch, the inventor of the first steamboat. He is indebted to the Hon. John Fitch, of New York, for the interest which he has manifested, and for the confirmation from his pen as to the rank, and fame, and fortune to which many of the Fitch descent have attained. The family is one of the largest in the United States, and numbers among its members citizens of high repute, and from remote sections; Hon. Graham N. Fitch, M. D., of Indiana; Congressman Thomas Fitch, of Nevada; Lieutenant General Jabez, and Judge John Fitch, of Ohio; Lieutenant Colonel Fitch, of California; President Fitch, of Williams College; Judge Fitz-Gaines, and Drs. S. S. and Almeron Fitch, of New York; Colonel Asa Fitch, of Connecticut; Mayor William Fitch, of New Haven; the Fitches, of Fitchville; and the Norwich and the Willimantic Fitches. And it is not only one of the largest, it is one of the oldest families in the country, and the respective genealogies of its different branches, which some of the name may possibly be disposed to attempt, would be a work of peculiar interest, and, in some sense, of national importance.

The centenary of Governor Fitch's death (July 18th, 1874) was made the occasion (an entirely private one,) of the reading, to his comrades, of an historical paper, by the late Albert Burr Wright, of Princeton College, New Jersey; and after the beating of "Retreat" at the tomb, at close of day, the wreath of white, which

had since morning encircled the inscription upon the tablet, was sent to a great-granddaughter of the governor, one of his oldest and nearest Norwalk family survivors, the late Miss Mary Esther Raymond, who was attended in her last sickness, in 1881, and buried after her decease, by the rector of St. Paul's.

By the will of Governor Fitch, made March 8th, 1774, his wife was to have the use of the house, lot and buildings during her life. Her oldest son, Colonel Thomas, Jr., seems to have had the care of his widowed mother and occupied the house (his own homestead bequeathed to him by his father was what is now the Hendricks property) until his death, which occurred eight days before that of his wife, in the winter of 1795. It ought to be remembered that while Governor Fitch's house was burned by the British, yet that a portion of the building was saved, and that this possibly was re-built and re-occupied. After the parents' removal by death, Thomas Fitch (Colonel Thomas' son), disposed of the property to Samuel M. Fitch, who married the governor's granddaughter, Esther, (second cousin to her husband; Esther's father was Timothy, son of the governor; Samuel's father was Daniel, a nephew of the governor.) Samuel and Esther Fitch took possession of their new home on the very evening of their marriage, and immediately after the ceremony in the bride's father's house, which stood opposite to the present residence of Mr. Jabez Fitch Raymond. Here the two passed their wedded lives, brought up children and grandchildren, and finally died, the wife at the age of seventy-four, and the husband at the age of eighty-seven. The title to the property now lies with their granddaughter, Mrs. Elizabeth (Fitch) Bowen, of Montreal, Canada.

Josiah Hanford Fitch (son of Jonathan, who was son of Samuel, the brother of Governor Fitch) was father of the late Mrs. Samuel Daskam, a much beloved communicant of St. Paul's church, and of her brothers, Lewis and Horace Fitch, of New Haven, the former being the father of the Rev. William Fitch, of Brooklyn, Long Island, and the latter having for many years been an officer in St. Thomas parish, (Rev. Dr. E. E. Beardsley, rector,) New Haven.

This same Josiah Hanford Fitch went to the Norwalk forests, on the last day of April, 1816, and, after selecting several healthy maples, planted them along East avenue, and they became the towering trees which stand before the residence of Winfield S. Moody, Esq. Josiah's father was a Yale graduate, and his mother

was a Miss Deborah Hanford, aunt of the late Joseph P. Hanford, selectman for a number of terms of Norwalk, and who was the father of the late Winfield Scott Hanford, church warden. Daniel Fitch, another son of Samuel, and brother of Elizabeth (Mrs. Nehemiah Rogers), and nephew of the governor, was grandfather of Mrs. James Mallory and Mrs. Stephen Raymond. Their father, Jonathan Fitch, (son of Daniel,) married Sarah, daughter of James Cannon, and sister of Esther, (Mrs. William St. John), and Amelia (Mrs. Garrett Harson Newkirk,) and Mary (Mrs. George Lockwood.) Jonathan Fitch had two brothers, viz., Samuel M., and Henry. The three brothers dwelt near each other, in houses which are now standing, and in each of which, three generations of each family have resided. Daniel, their father, died several years before the death of Rebecca, their mother.

James Fitch, the remaining brother of Governor Thomas and Samuel, married Mary, the widow of Jedediah Buckingham. The Buckinghams, it would appear, were from Saybrook; but Mrs. Jedediah Buckingham, was Mary, daughter of William Haynes, of Norwalk. James, son of James, married, in 1746, Ann Hanford, and had five children. Mrs. Ann H. Fitch died in 1768, and Mr. Fitch married for his second wife Esther Marvin. James, son of James, 2d., by his first wife, married Esther Camp. Ann Hanford was the daughter of Elnathan Hanford, and Esther Camp was the late Jonathan Camp's aunt. So that the Fitch-Hanford connection is through two, and the Fitch-Camp connection through one of Governor Fitch's brothers.

Mr. Harvey Fitch, of St. Paul's, (1886) is a descendant of a grandson of Samuel, the brother of Thomas (Governor) Fitch.

A granddaughter of Governor Fitch married Stephen St. John, of Norwalk, nephew of one of Governor Jonathan Trumbull's brother's closest friends. This intimate of the talented Dr. John Trumbull was a young member, (Mr. Buckingham St John) of much promise, of one of the families of Norwalk, and a tutor, in 1770, in Yale College. He was lost on Long Island Sound, during his passage between New Haven and Norwalk, and Dr. Trumbull's tribute to his memory begins thus:

The world now yields to nights returning sway,
 The deeper gloom leads on the solemn hour,
 And calls my steps, beneath the moon's pale ray,
 To roam in sadness on the sea-beat shore.

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The "elegy" thus continues :

"The faithless morning on our opening sails
 Smiled out serene, and smoothed our gliding way,
 While the gay vessel fanned, by breathing gales,
 Play'd on the placid bosom of the sea.

When lo, descending on the darkening wind,
 Burst the dire storm—and feeble to sustain
 The rushing blasts in warring fury joined,
 The frail skiff sinks beneath the surging main.

And see, afar the oarless boat conveys
 The rescued sailors to the distant shore:
 Alone, of aid bereft, with one last gaze,
 I sunk in deeps, and sunk to rise no more.

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Ah, what availed that energy of mind,
 The heights of science and of arts t' explore,
 That early led, where genius unconfin'd
 Spreads her glad feast and opes her classic store.

Ah, what availed, in earthly bliss so frail,
 The fame gay-dawning on thy rising years !
 Ah, what avail'd—for what could then avail ?
 Thy friends' deep sorrow or thy country's tears ;

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Adieu, my friend ! so dear in vain, adieu,
 Till some short days their fleeting courses roll ;
 Soon shall our steps thine earlier fate pursue,
 Moved in the race and crowding to the goal.

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Then, joined in bliss, as once in friendship joined,
 May pitying heaven our purer spirits raise,
 Each crime atoned, each virtue well refined,
 To pass a blest eternity of praise."



Mr. Stephen St. John belonged to a Norwalk family of past and present repute. He was a business man of the town, and his life-day was a protracted one. He died suddenly, upon the grounds of his brother-in-law, Isaac Scudder Isaacs. Mrs. St. John was sister (so it is supposed), of Captain Hall Fitch, a resident of Norwalk, and later of Troy, New York, and aunt to Mrs. Albert P. Heartt, of the Philip Heartt family of the latter city.* Mrs. Angenette Hall (daughter of Edward, grandson of Governor Fitch, of Norwalk, and wife of Daniel Hall, of Troy), was second cousin of Mrs. St. John. Mr. and Mrs. St. John had two daughters, Henrietta and Julia Ann. Henrietta married and removed to Troy. Julia Ann was the first Mrs. Horace Gibbs, of Norwalk. John Cannon, Jr., of St. Paul's, married Sarah, (sister of Stephen) St. John, who was the mother of Antoinette (Mrs. Senator Betts) and her sisters Sarah, Harriett and Esther Mary, and their

*This city, seated advantageously at the head of navigation on the Hudson, attracted, at the close of the past, and during the first quarter of the present century, a number of emigrants from Norwalk. These were an element of strength in the new city, and contributed, in no small measure, to its waxing prosperity. Bouton, Cannon, Craft, Kellogg, and Warren have been, and are names of influence and of dignity in Troy. Those who left Norwalk were kinsfolk, and, previous to their departure, were attached to St. Paul's. The parents (Esaias and Phebe Bouton) of several of them were of deserved reputation in their native parish. The father's (Esaias Bouton) descent is alluded to in a note on page forty, and his wife, who was from Massachusetts, was a descendant of one of the New England governors, (Hopkins), and bore the name (so the Norwalk relatives contended) of the governor's daughter, Phebe. This daughter married into a Massachusetts Bay family, one branch of which chose Norwalk for its home. Among the children of this branch was Phebe (Mrs. Esaias Bouton). They made large purchases of land in Norwalk. Moses Byxbee, one of the number, and a member of St. Paul's, invested to the amount of several thousand dollars in one plot. The original home was near the summit of Flax Hill, and perhaps no better fruit was ever grown in the county than that which grew in the orchards which belonged to this home. Esaias Bouton, a not remote neighbor, married Phebe, a daughter. Eliakim Warren from the same vicinity, married their (Esaias and Phebe Bouton's) daughter. These were the two (Eliakim and Phebe Warren), who were the parents of the Warren family of Troy. The husband (St. Paul's vestryman who has before been alluded to) was the first church warden in Troy, and his excellent wife took a deep interest in church matters, and was unremitting in efforts to insure the success of the earliest parish planted in the thriving city of their adoption.

The Cannon and Craft ancestors, as before mentioned, were among the most respected and reliable of St. Paul's early members. LeGrand Cannon and Mrs. Moses Craft were brother and sister, and went to Troy about the same time. They were children of Samuel, and grandchildren of Commodore Cannon. The brother married a daughter of Nathan Bouton, and sister of Mrs. Nathan Warren, of Troy. The children of LeGrand Cannon were the late Mrs. John B. Tibbitts and the present Mrs. George H. Cramer, of Troy, and LeGrand B. Cannon, and Mrs. George Bird, of New York. The children of Mrs. Moses Craft were the late Mrs. Sarah Murray, of New York, and the late Mrs. G. Parish Ogden, and the present Mrs. Hannibal Green, of Troy. The parents attended the mother St. Paul's of Troy, as the Warrens, and Boutons, and Kelloggs did; and, their pews in the church being in proximity to each other, they pleasantly, among themselves, designated the portion of the edifice occupied by them, as "Norwalk." The grandchildren of Eliakim and Phebe Warren, now living, are: Doctor Nathan B. Warren and his brother Stephen, who reside upon the Mount Ida estate, and their brother, George Henry, whose residence is in New York City, and Hon. Joseph M. Warren, and his brother, John Hobart Warren, of Troy.

brothers John, George, Charles, and James. One of George Cannon's two daughters married a Jones, of Wilton, the other married the Rev. Charles J. Todd (brother of the Rev. Dr. Ambrose Todd, of Stamford), formerly rector of St. Matthew's church, Wilton. George Cannon's son, George, took up his residence in the west, and was the father of the first wife of the Rev. William G. Spencer, D. D., rector for a number of years of Trinity church, South Norwalk.

Different descendants of Governor Fitch have taken pains to properly preserve the memory of their ancestor. Judge John Fitch, of New York, set out, some time since, the elm trees which stand near the governor's tomb. Judge Fitch, of Ohio, is not uninterested in the matter. A small volume of family names has been published. The governor's library, diplomas, and household effects were probably destroyed when the town was burned. The enemy made such dispatch of their work that inmates in one instance had scarcely time to throw the family silver into the well before quitting their home. The original draft of one of the governor's proclamations is held by a Wilton member of the family, and an attached member of St. Paul's, now gone, kept, during her life time, a seal, and one or two articles of jewelry which her great-grandfather, Thomas, wore. These have been bequeathed to a descendant, a former pupil in the East Norwalk school, but now a subject of Queen Victoria. The antiquated *tea kettle* which swung and sung upon the antiquated crane in the chimney, the foundation of which is shown to-day, is still in existence.

The direct descendants of Governor Fitch, known in our own time and town, and who have not before been named, are the children and grandchildren of the governor's granddaughters, Sally, (Mrs. Jabez Raymond,) and Esther, (Mrs. Samuel M. Fitch.) Jabez and Sally (Fitch) Raymond had three children, viz.: George, Platt and Mary Esther. George has no children; Mary Esther was unmarried; Platt left one son, (the only grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. Jabez Raymond,) Mr. Jabez Fitch Raymond, who occupies the Raymond family homestead. The children of Esther, (Mrs. Samuel M. Fitch,) were Betsey, (Mrs. David Roberts,) Edward Fitch, (of Glens Falls, N. Y.,) and Samuel Marvin Fitch, of Norwalk. The grandchildren of Samuel and Esther Fitch, were William E., and Henry R., and Rebecca, (Mrs. Burr Knapp,) of

South Norwalk; and Emily, (Mrs. William Mallory,) Elizabeth, (Mrs. James Bowen,) Edson, of Quebec, George, Thomas, and Sarah. The home of the last is with her mother in Saugatuck.

FINIS.

St. Paul's parish is now one hundred and fifty years old, and the history of these years is full of facts of interest and importance. The better preservation of some of these has been one of the author's objects in the preparation of this address, with its notes and appendix. The work is not without its imperfections; but the writer in retiring asks the forbearance of the reader.



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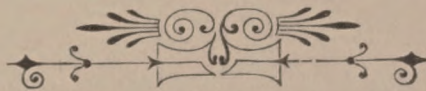
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Several of the errors noted on the succeeding page (page one hundred and fifteen) have been subsequently corrected.

Page seventeen, note four, instead of "1,600 have" read "1,600 funerals had, etc."

Page eighteen, Dr. Kemper note, line thirty, instead of "only two months," read "only ten months."

Page fifty-five, lower note, last line, instead of "books" read "brooks."

The last statement in note five, page sixty-seven, is incorrect. The first church, which was afterward converted into a parsonage, was burned in 1779. A second parsonage was erected. In 1809, there was an 'old house' which stood back of the parsonage of 1806. This (old parsonage probably) was given, by the parish, to Rev. Mr. Whitlock.

Page one hundred and twenty-four, middle paragraph, instead of "(page ninety)" read "(page ninety-one.)"

Corrections and Additions.

Page 9, paragraph two, line one, instead of "1774" read "1784."

Page 12, last note, instead of "serving" read "having served."

Page 41, note one, line twenty-six, instead of "Mrs. Rogers" read "Mr. Rogers."

Page 43, upper note, line thirty-one, read "Mr. Thomas Fitch."

Page 45, note two, line nine, instead of "Dr. Smith Payne" read "Dr. Smith Pyne."

Page 47, note one, instead of "he came, etc.," read "the Marvin's and he came over in the same ship;" and in note five, instead of "1882" read "1782" and in note seven, instead of "deed" read "deeds."

Page 53, paragraph two, the name of Amelia, a sister of Rev. Mr. Jarvis, should be inserted.

Page 54, paragraph two, last line, for "altar" read "altarfire."

Page 57, note three, line five, instead of "there was" read "there were."

Page 63, Jacob Jennings note, line nineteen, instead of "Lawrence" read Laurana.

Page 64, note one, after "sisters" read "or sisters-in-law."

Page 66, note three, line two, instead of "were set out" read "was set out."

Page 71, paragraph three, instead of "1885," read "1883." The first amount named in this paragraph was raised for objects outside, and the second for objects within, as well as without the parish.

Page 78, instead of Mrs. M. Louise Leonard" read "Miss M. Louise Leonard."

Page 80, instead of "Miss Anna B. Merrill" read "Miss Annie P. Merrill."

Page 83, instead of "Beachman" read "Beacham."

Page 85, Ralph Isaacs' paragraph, lines ten and eleven, instead of "Mary, Esther, Sarah and Isaac," read "Mary, Esther, Sarah and Grace."

Page 86, line fifteen, last word, instead of "Esther," read "Elizabeth," and in same paragraph, on same page, last line but four, instead of words "Ralph, Jr., removed to Branford, New Haven County; and Grace the last child and daughter, etc.," read "Ralph, Jr., removed to Branford, New Haven County, and Grace his daughter, etc."

The last century there came, (see page thirty-six) as it seems, a young man of intelligence and industry, (from Hartford, tradition says), to Norwalk. His name was Ebenezer Church. He was possessed of some capital, especially for those days, and selecting, in 1744, a convenient location for the plying of an useful art, established himself in this section of the colony. One of the mothers of this parish sought, it is said, the stranger out, and invited him to attend St. Paul's, and the result was that he was led, first, to take an interest in its services, and then to recognize the claims of the church. He was evidently a young man of character, and became an intimate, almost immediately, of one of the staunchest families of Norwalk. He married Susannah, daughter of John Fitch, Jr., (cousin of Governor Fitch), and two children, Daniel and Richard, were born to them. Mrs. Church died early in her wedded life. Her husband, whose clear, calm judgment must have won upon his cotemporaries, was elected, in 1751, with two such men as James Brown and Alexander Resique, to "make up" parish accounts of years standing. He was elected to the vestry very soon afterwards, and, in 1757, was chosen church warden. He married for a second wife, the widow of Captain Sears. Mrs. Sears was a Ruth Raymond, of South Norwalk, (aunt of the late Charles Hoyt and of the mother of General William T. Sherman). By Captain Sears she had a son, Thatcher, who married a Long Island lady. During the Revolutionary War, Thatcher Sears removed to New Brunswick, and received a grant from the British Government. His first wife (by whom he had several children), died in the provinces, and he married again. The three children by the last wife are Robert, Edward and John. Robert (the bible publisher) lives in Toronto, and Edward and John in New Brunswick. Mrs. Ruth (Sears) Church was the mother of Ebenezer, Jr., (a name of which the parish may justly be proud) and of his brothers Samuel, Josiah, Isaac, and John. There were several sisters also. All of the senior Ebenezer's children are gone, and but three of his grandchildren remain, viz., William, who occupies the Josiah Church home; and Mary, who lives in the "new," the second house that her grandfather built, and who, loyal to the Church blood, reveres the family traditions; and Charles, whose success as a New York business man has multiplied for many returning years.

It is a family mention, that after the burning of Governor Fitch's house, the widow, (second cousin, by marriage, to Ebenezer Church, Sr.) temporarily occupied the old, the first house that

Ebenezer Church built. It stood at the foot of the garden belonging to the present Miss Mary Church.

Attention in this next dissmisal paragraph, is directed to page twenty-seven, note three. In connection with the gift of St. Paul's parish of "Mrs. Ogilvie and Mr. Phillips," as there alluded to, is an interesting bit of history. The Hon. Verderych Felypsen, Patroon of Philipsborough (a portion of the ancient province of New York) came from Holland to America, in 1658. With General Stuyvesant and others he was one of the fathers of Nova Belgia (New York city.) He made heavy purchases of land in the new city, laying out the same in streets, and marking out building lots. He also bought a large tract on the east side of the Hudson, some thirty or forty miles above the city, and erected thereon an out-of-town mansion. His wife was Margaret Dacres, and he had two children, a son and daughter, Verderych and Eva. Verderych married first, a Hardenbrook, and for a second wife, a daughter of Stephen Van Corlandt of the Corlandt manor. Eva married into the same family. Verderych died, somewhere near 1700, and left Philip, and Adolphus Phillipse. Phillip, as a child, was in delicate health, and his father had purchased an estate at Barbadoes, and sent him there. He died at about the age of forty-two, and left the son referred to in note on page twenty-seven. The child's mother also died at about the same time, and the grandfather sent the young orphan to New York, and that he might not be tempted to again return to the Barbadoes the grandfather sold the island estate for about fifty thousand dollars. This Frederick died, in 1751, and left his property in New York city, and upon the Hudson, to his namesake son, Frederick, or in event of Frederick having no heir, to his second son, Philip. Frederick, however, married. He died, in 1768, and his widow married the Rev. John Ogilvie who had had temporary charge, in 1749, of St. Paul's church, and was the father of the Rev. George Ogilvie (see note, page ten) rector of St. Paul's, in 1790. This statement (condensed) is borrowed from an article (copied from the English press) in one of this country's authentic genealogical works, and it reveals the probable fact that the last century "Mrs. Ogilvie and Mr. Phillips" donors to St. Paul's Church were—mother and son—Mrs. (Phillips) Ogilvie and Mr. Frederick Phillips, the latter a descendant in the sixth generation from the Knickerbocker patroon of 1658; while the statement (one of the Phillips married a Livingston) may throw light also upon the of late years unaccounted-for "Phillip Livingstones" membership, at the same period, of St. Paul's church.

The old New York Livingstones, and Phillipses, and Jays, and Frenches, and Ludlows, and Rutgers, and Van Hornes, were relatives, and some of them are of savory memory in Norwalk. Several of these families had temporary representatives in this town during the closing years of the eighteenth century; and the evening, or morning, as the case may be of General Tryon's arrival, in 1779, at Fitch's Point, found General VanHorne and quite a company of his connections enjoying (for the time being) comfortable quarters (now the Cowles home) on "the Green." These facts suggest the conclusion that the "Phillip Livingston" of the ancient list, page two hundred and two, of the "members of the Episcopal Society in Norwalk" may have been of this same family group; and the owner and occupant, consequently, of the Livingston mansion which stood towards a hundred years since, in Park Place, New York city, and after Mr. Livingston's death, was purchased by, and became the home of Goold Hoyt, of Norwalk, whose benefaction to this parish has been already mentioned.

Mary, daughter of Frederick Phillips, of the afore-mentioned distinguished family combination, married into the family of the Hon. Gouverneur Morris; and the fact that Norwalk was the home of some of the affinity may perhaps also account for the trusteeship in this place of the valuable property alluded to in the following note from the pen of Judge Jones:

"Upon burning the town of Norwalk, a most elegant, large, beautiful, and well-collected library, an heir-loom belonging to the Morrisania family in the county of Westchester, which had for safety been removed to Norwalk, was pillaged, carried to New York, and disposed of." Quoted by the "National Quarterly," October, 1879, from Judge Jones' History of New York.

James Rogers, son of Dr. Uriah Rogers, Sr., (consult concluding portion of note two, page forty-two,) was, says Todd in his History of Redding, "A prominent man in his day, and filled many responsible offices in town." He must have left Norwalk when a young man, as he appears in Redding, in 1762. One week before Christmas day, 1789, he sold to Nathan Jarvis, the first treasurer of St. Paul's parish, a portion of the home estate of his father, Dr. Uriah, Sr., now the pleasant site of the homes of Mrs. James Mallory, and Mr. Mannice B. Lockwood. The Rogerses, and the Couchses (Jonathan Couch, father of Norwalk's Major-General, Darius N.

Couch), and the Fitches (Dr. Ashael Fitch, of the Norwalk Fitches, as the writer supposes, and father-in-law of Dr. Jonathan Knight), and the Davieses (Dr. Thomas Davies, ancestor of the rector to-day of one of the most important parishes in Philadelphia, the Rev. Thomas F. Davies. D.D.), were old Redding residents. One of the Rogers homes in Redding became later the property of the father of the late Mrs. John Osborn.

Dr. David Rogers, Jr., (see lower foot note page forty-two) son of Dr. David Rogers, of Greenfield Hill, whose visits to Norwalk are even now spoken of in this place, has a son-in-law still living at a very advanced age, in Redding. This individual, the venerable Jedediah Rogers Hawley, married, for his first wife, Deborah, daughter of Dr. David Rogers, Jr., and sister of one of the leading physicians of this country, the late San Francisco physician and port health officer, Dr. James H. Rogers, great-grandson of the senior Dr. Uriah Rogers, who lived, as before stated, on the Lockwood and Mallory properties, on Mill Hill. Mr. Jedediah R. Hawley's second wife was the daughter of Moses Hill, of Redding, a relative of the late Dr. Moses Hill and his brother, Ebenezer, of Norwalk, both of whom were natives of Redding.

Jacob Osborn, who is alluded to in notes on pages sixty-one and sixty-two, was the fourth member of the Osborn name ever attached to St. Paul's parish. Osborn is an early American, but not an early Norwalk name. Richard Osborn, the settler, was a Londoner, and went first to the Barbadoes. He was twenty-two years old when he left Europe, and he reached the West Indies during the winter of 1633-4. Himself and several fellow emigrants seemed disappointed in their sovereign's island possessions, and during the next twelve months, at least three of the "Hopewell's" passengers embarked for New England. These three (Richard Osborn was one), proceeding directly to Massachusetts, went to the "Hingham settlement" in that colony. From Hingham, Mr. Osborn removed to New Haven, where he lived for some fourteen or fifteen years. He had two sons, John and David. John remained in Fairfield, and died there, in 1709. David crossed the state line and established himself below what is now called Pelhamville, in Lower Westchester County. He married Abigail, daughter of Phillip Pinckney, of East Chester. One author states that he died in East Chester; another historian avers that after his marriage he claimed "that he belonged to the Connecticut jurisdiction, and removed there"; (to Ridgefield). In either case he died young. He left a son,

named for his grandfather, who, the parent of Peter Parley states, lived to be over one hundred years of age. This son, Richard, 2d., removed from Westchester County, to the vicinity of Ridgefield, and was the ancestor of Jacob Osborn, the clerk of St. Paul's parish, and town clerk of Norwalk, and master of St. John's Masonic Lodge. From the first Richard Osborn's son John, Mr. John Osborn, who now resides with his son, Arthur, on West Avenue, traces his family line. Although Richard Osborn, Sr., came from London to America, yet the Osborn, or Osburn (Christopher Osborn) home abroad was in Duxbury. The town of Fairfield granted Richard Osborn, Sr., eighty acres of land as a testimony of its appreciation of the public service he had rendered.

There is a fact, which may be mentioned, concerning another name in foot note, page sixty-one. From the Samuel Wilson there referred to, the United States received the name of "Uncle Sam." During the war of 1812, Mr. Wilson (see New England genealogical register) had extensive contracts with the government for the supply of its army with salted food. He was formerly known as "Uncle Sam Wilson," and the brand or mark by which the packages from his establishment were designated was U. S. (Uncle Sam). The term became a familiar one throughout the army, and was soon applied to the country itself. Mr. Wilson died in Troy, July 31st., 1854, aged eighty-eight.

Note one, page sixty-four, calls for an explanation. Jennings, Redfield, Dimon, and Marquand are old Fairfield names. This town (Fairfield) was, so to speak, the capital of the county, and many of its founders were prominent colonists. Jacob Jennings' sister-in-law (evidently), the widow of Dr. Seth Jennings, married John Redfield. John Redfield was son of James Redfield, who was son of forefather William Redfield, of Boston or its vicinity. The genealogy of the Redfields (see History of Fairfield County) was the first genealogy "compiled in this country." Henry Marquand, who came to America from one of the English Channel islands, married the again (thus it appears) widowed sister-in-law of Jacob Jennings. Henry Marquand died, in 1772, and left but one son, Isaac. This son was the New York city jeweller, who, it is asserted, spent a portion of his early life in Norwalk with his uncle (by connection) Jacob Jennings. Isaac Marquand married a Perry of the same Fairfield family that Commodore Cannon married into,

and that Dr. Samuel Perry, of Norwalk sprang from. (Richard Perry was the founder; Nathaniel was Richard Perry's son, and Joseph was the son of Nathaniel. Joseph [grandson of Richard] was the ancestor of the Norwalk and Ridgefield Perrys, and, on the mother's side, of the Norwalk and Troy Cannons).

Isaac and Mabel (Perry) Marquand were the parents of Henry and Frederick Marquand, one of whom has erected the Yale chapel which bears the family name.

The Dimon family into which Goold Hoyt married, was another Fairfield family of worth, and between it, also and the Perry family there was intermarriage.

At the close of the Isaacs paragraph, on page eighty-six, it is incorrectly intimated that Grace, the last daughter of Ralph Isaacs, Sr., was foremother of the New Haven Ingersolls. The correct statement would be (see erratta) that Grace, the daughter of Ralph Isaacs, Jr., was the Ingersoll ancestress. The youngest son of Ralph Isaacs, Sr., "merchant or trader" of Norwalk, and head of the warden-line of St. Paul's parish, took his father's name, and to him was bequeathed, after the parent's occupancy of it, the home establishment. This son inherited the Isaacs South Norwalk property, also, which latter was afterward transferred to the wife of Dr. Timothy Dwight, president of Yale College from 1795 to 1817. This lady was a granddaughter of Ralph Isaacs, Sr. Mr. Isaacs' second daughter, Esther, married Benjamin Woolsey, of Long Island; and Benjamin and Esther Woolsey had two daughters. One of these daughters, Mary, married Dr. Dwight, and the other, Sarah, married Moses Rogers. Dr. Dwight and Moses Rogers, therefore, were brothers-in-law. Their families became separated during the Revolutionary War, the former having removed to the provinces, and the latter residing in the cultivated and charming home (now the residence of Frederick Bronson, Esq.) on Greenfield Hill. Both Mary and Sarah Woolsey were remembered by legacies of equal amounts in their grandfather's will. Mr. Isaacs made generous and judicious bequests. To his widow he left a handsome amount in cash, and the income from an equal amount. Grace, the youngest child, and yet in her teens, was the recipient of several thousands, also. Benjamin and Ralph, Jr. were constituted executors of the estate, and made residuary legatees. The former, the distinguished free mason, died not long thereafter and, was

buried in St. Paul's yard, and the latter removed to New Haven County. He named his two daughters after, it is probable, his mother, Mary, and his sister, Grace. Grace (daughter of Ralph, Jr.,) married Jonathan Ingersoll, father of the New Haven Ingersolls, and it is possible that her sister, Mary, may have been the Mary Isaacs who married Timothy Jerome, not of the Jerome family of the state of New York, one of the members of which married into the old Reed family of Norwalk, but of that family which is represented by Thomas Spencer Jerome, Esq., now of Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Benjamin Rumsey, of Fairfield, the father-in-law of Ralph Isaacs, Sr., had a son, Joseph, and, it would appear, a son Benjamin, also. His daughter, Mary, Mrs. Ralph Isaacs, Sr., who rests in the church yard, was great-great-grandmother of the present president of Yale College, Timothy Dwight, D.D., LL.D., grandson of Yale's first president of the same name.

The Norwalk Isaacs descendants are under the impression that there were two distinct families of settlers of that name in this land, and they are unquestionably correct in this particular. Joseph Isaacs, the first settler, appeared here as early as 1636. He died May 11th, 1642, leaving, Elizabeth a widow. She afterward married Nicholas Davis. There was a passenger to America, in 1634, in one of the Ipswich ships, by the name of Rebecca Isaacs. She was thirty-four years of age, and is supposed to have been sister of the first Joseph. There was also a Thomas Isaacs, a merchant in Boston, in 1672. A genealogist of the past writes thus: There is a "family of this name (Isaacs) at Norwalk, honorary in several generations, but it is believed their pedigree on this side of the ocean must not be found before the eighteenth century." There was an Isaac Isaacs who graduated at Yale, in 1750, and a Ralph, in 1761, and a Benjamin, in 1781, and a Ralph, in 1784. The first two were, possibly, Ralph, Sr's., sons, and the last two, his grandsons.

Mrs. Samuel Isaacs (Mary Brown) mentioned on page eighty-seven, was granddaughter of John Ruscoe. The history of the Ruscoes, to which attention seems now to be directed, is one of interest. James Brown, the settler, married John Ruscoe's daughter. Lieutenant William Lees married another daughter (Mahetabel). John Abbott married Ruth Ruscoe, and Sarah married a Ridgefield Rockwell.

Rebecca Ruscoe died early, and Mary was probably unmarried. James Brown, 2d., and his brothers, Isaac, Elisha and John, were heirs, with the afore-mentioned, of the Ruscoe estate. James Brown, 2d., the attorney, married a New Jersey lady, and his daughter Mary was the Mrs. Samuel Isaacs who, with her brother James, has been several times referred to in this work. Ralph Isaacs, Sr., purchased, April 18th, 1757, James Brown's north-west portion of the Isaacs property, and so became owner of the broad acres near "the great bridge," and which extended from the present Water street to West avenue.

In Hoyt paragraph, page eighty-eight, occurs the correctly quoted expression, "neare the backside of Norwalke." It is very possible, however, that the reading of the same should be, near the "Bankside, etc." There was, as early as 1658, "a place between Fairfield towne and Norwalk," called Bankside.

Simon Hoyt, the settler, lived, before he came to this county, at or near Windsor, Connecticut. His mother (grandmother of Walter, the first Norwalk Hoyt), was familiarly known in Windsor as "old Goody Hoyt." She died in 1643.

It will be observed, page ninety, that, after mention of the children of Thomas Fitch, Sr., the line of only one of his sons is followed down; but, for the benefit of the many citizens of this town who bear the Fitch name, the descent from the second son is here indicated. Thomas Fitch, Sr., left two sons, viz., Thomas, Jr., and John. Thomas, Jr., has, as remarked, been traced down. John, the second son, married, in 1664, Rebekah (hence the favorite christian name among the Norwalk Fitches) Lyndal, of New Haven. He was brother-in-law of John, son of Walter Hoyt, the Norwalk Hoyt forefather. John Fitch had three children, viz., John, Jr., Nathaniel, and Rebekah. Thomas, Sr. evidently outlived his son Thomas, Jr., and a large portion of his estate went to John, who lived quite near his father, upon a narrow but deep home-lot, which extended west from East avenue. This property fell to his son Nathaniel, the earliest of the Fitch churchmen, and a generous donor to St. Paul's parish. John Fitch, like his father Thomas, Sr., was a man of means. At his death large tracts of land were left, particularly to John, Jr.; and among these tracts were broad acres along the "Sticky Plain," or still more ancient,

"Rattle Snake Pasture," road. The children of John Jr., and Elizabeth Fitch, were Nathaniel, John, Elizabeth and Susannah. Their oldest son, Nathaniel, had a daughter Elizabeth, who married David King, of Newtown, and these (David and Elizabeth King) were the ancestors of the Fitch-King line. The children of Nathaniel and Ann, (son and daughter-in-law of John Fitch, Sr.) were John, Lyndal, Elizabeth (who married a Crane), Abigail and Mary. This supplementary mention leaves the Norwalk Fitches of the present day without excuse for failure to connect their different family lines with those of their ever to be venerated progenitors.

On page ninety-one, paragraph two, it is stated that Thomas Fitch, Jr., died, in 1690. This assertion is substantiated, as the author has since ascertained, by the late Hon. James Savage, president of the Massachusetts Historical Society; and it is proper to add that this eminent genealogist declares further that Thomas, Jr., left Sarah, aged twenty-one, and Thomas, aged nineteen, and Mary, aged sixteen, and Samuel, aged two and-one-half years. This militates, perhaps, against the theory, (page ninety,) that Thomas Jr's. children died before the issue of their grandfather's will. But the fact remains that no mention (other than that of Thomas) is made of them in that document, although Mary, had she been living, would, in 1696, (the date of the will) have been twenty-seven years old, and Mary twenty-two years old, and Samuel eight and-one-half years. Taking all the circumstances of the case into consideration, the fact that Thomas, Sr's. other grandchildren (John's children) are carefully remembered, and that no after record of any of Thomas, Jr's. children, (male issue) other than Thomas (father of the governor) exists, (so it is believed) the author is content to let his theory stand.

Through inadvertence, the name of James Fitch is unmentioned in the roll of Fitch churchmen, lines one and two, paragraph one, page forty-two. James was brother of Governor Thomas Fitch, and failure to supply the omission alluded to would be injustice to the memory of one of the recorded supporters of St. Paul's parish in early times. His brother, Samuel, Sr., was a helper (whether a member or no is not ascertained) of St. Paul's. Thomas, the governor, was not a member. His name appears once upon our records, but only in the capacity of legal adviser to the parish in an unfortunate controversy in 1757.

The tenacity with which the Norwalk Hopkins-Byxbee descent cling to the family traditions concerning their ancestry, has prompted the author to careful research in this matter, and he is convinced that the statement in the last foot note, but one, in this volume (page 100) is not a "fabulous conceit," but that it has historical foundation. The only qualifications to the statement referred to, are, first, that the Hopkins, from whom the wife of Esaias Bouton and her Norwalk relatives sprang, was not governor, but assistant governor Hopkins; that is, that he was what in early New England times was denominated governor's "counsellor." In such capacity he served, says Freeman, for four years; and the second reservation is that Phebe was not the name of his own, but of one of his great-grand-children's daughters. Stephen Hopkins was one of the original settlers of Massachusetts. He was accompanied to this country by his second wife, and son, Giles, and two men servants. These servants are notorious from the fact that they were the first New England *duelists*; who, Savage, the historian, declares, were punished, not by being put in the stocks, it is possible, but by being tied "neck and heels" and exposed to public gaze.

Giles, son of Stephen, Sr., married a Miss Whelden. He died, in 1690. His son, Joshua, married, in 1681, a Mary Cole. These (Joshua and Mary Hopkins) had a daughter, born, in 1702, by the name of Phebe. The claim that this daughter was the mother of Mrs. Esaias Bouton, cannot, as the author thinks, be easily refuted. The date, the birth-place, the family, the record, the *traditions*, all conspire to establish the authenticity of the claim. There was another Barnstable County Phebe Hopkins, born, in 1711, but she married a Bangs, and for a second husband, one of the same name.

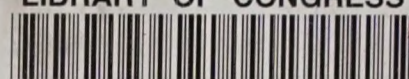
The Bouton home, at Belden's Point, stood until about thirty or so years ago, and its "chimney ruins" can be recalled, it is presumed by many. Here, accepting what has been advanced, assistant Stephen Hopkin's great-great-granddaughter (Mrs. Esaias Bouton) passed amid its marine surroundings many years of wedded life, and after life was done, was laid to rest, upon the hill which overlooks the old home. The plainly-marked Hopkins family plate was inherited by one of the Massachusetts Bay Hopkin's sons, but portions of it found their way to the ownership of one of the Norwalk kindred, whose first name was Hopkins, and who removed from Norwalk to Ridgefield.

The old arm-chair, which stood upon the Sound-fronting porch, may now be seen, almost any summer day, upon the elm-shaded veranda of a descendant whose home is in the upper portion of the parish. A small painting of the vanished Bouton dwelling, by a descendant on the Hopkins side, is held in Norwalk.

The following paragraph supplements foot notes pages fifty-three (address), and one hundred (appendix).

Somewhat below Norwalk, and on the hither side of the Sound, is one of those shimmering sheets of water which so beautifully indent the northern coast of Long Island. At the sloping head, or upon the green sides of this bay was brought up, it is probable, the ancestor of the Norwalk Warrens. Edmond, the earliest Warren (Wareing) mentioned in Norwalk history, married, in 1698, Elizabeth Bouton, a descendant of Matthew and Elizabeth Marvin, one of the founder-families of the town. The wedded ones repaired, evidently, to the Wareing Long Island home, and resided in Queens Village until after the birth of Isaac, their second son. They then came to Norwalk, and Mr. Wareing bought, in 1706, of the father of Governor Fitch, "for a valuable consideration" a plot of several acres at the "south end of Rhoton Hill." From that onward, until 1745, he was a real estate accumulator, purchasing parcels of "two," "six," "seven," "twelve," "sixteen" "seventeen" and "eighteen" acres. There were nine children born after their removal to Norwalk. The sixth Norwalk son, Eliakim, born, in 1717, married Ann, fifth child of John, son of Thomas (and Mary Olmstead) Reed, son of John Reed, who was born in England, in 1633, and who married, in this country, a Miss Derby, of Rhode Island. Eliakim and Ann (Reed) Warren were married December 7th, 1738. They had these children (perhaps others), Zacheus, Jesse, Moses, Ann, Abigail, and Eliakim. The father died about a year before the marriage of his son, Eliakim. Abigail sold to this brother her portion (five and one-half acres) of the Roton Hill land inheritance, and in the presence of Colonel Thomas Fitch, Jr., deeded to him her share of the home heritage. This brother, Eliakim, (vestryman) married, in 1771, Phebe Bouton, to whom several children were born. In 1798 the family removed to Troy, N. Y., leaving between the covers of St. Paul's member-register the names of none whom the parish has greater cause evermore to hold in honored remembrance.

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